February 26, 1944

Dr. Helen Wright, Dean
School of Social Service Administration
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Wright:

Miss Sarah Sealey tells me that she is applying for a scholarship in the School of Social Service Administration, and she has asked me to write you a note in her behalf.

I have known Miss Sealey for several years and had her as a graduate student in sociology at the University of North Carolina sometime ago. She is a very industrious and intelligent person, has maturity of judgment, and should make an excellent social work administrator or teacher. I feel that I can recommend her without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

January 9, 1945

Mr. R. R. Wright, President
Citizens and Southern Bank
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wright:

Mr. Ralph McGill, editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, has left for a trip to Europe. Just before leaving he informed me of his promise to help you find a speaker for your Freedom Day celebration, and he asked me to help you.

Mr. McGill did not give me any particulars, such as the time of the celebration, whether you wanted a white man to speak, etc. However, here are the names of some Southerners who would make excellent speakers for the occasion: Mr. Virginius Dabney, editor of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*; Dr. Howard W. Odum, Head of the Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Mr. Nelson Poynter, editor of the St. Petersburg *Times*; Mr. Jennings Perry, editor of the *Nashville,Tennessean*; Mr. Mark Ethridge, editor of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*; Dr. Ira De A. Reid, Associate Director of the Southern Regional Council and head of the Department of Sociology at Atlanta University; Dr. Benjamin Mays, President of Morehouse College, Atlanta.

I feel sure that from this list you can obtain a good speaker. If there is any way in which I can help further, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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ATLANTA, GA.

CLARK HOWELL
PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

January 8, 1945

(dictated January 6)

Dr. Guy Johnson
Southern Regional Council
Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This R. R. Wright is the old 90 year old Negro who is President of the Citizen and Southern Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.

I had agreed to be his Freedom Day speaker but my trip to Europe came up rather quickly and I can't go. I am very interested in getting him a speaker and it occurred to me that you might be interested or might know of someone in the South who can do a good job for him.

At any rate, I will appreciate your writing him on your return.

Sincerely,

Ralph McGill

Ralph McGill

RMcG:vs

P. S. I am sorry not to get you on the telephone. I tried today, Saturday, and you were out of town. I, too, know there was something funny about the meeting that was held here.

R. McG.

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January 12, 1945

~~Mr. R. R. Wright~~, President
Citizens and Southern Bank
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Guy B. Johnson

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January 16, 1945

Mr. R. R. Wright, President
Citizens and Southern Bank
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

NEGOTIATIONS DELAYED BECAUSE OF MARK ETHRIDGE'S ABSENCE FROM LOUISVILLE. I HAVE CONTACTED ETHRIDGE AND DABNEY AND NEITHER IS ABLE TO COME. SINCE I AM LEAVING ON EXTENDED TRIP, REGRET I CAN NOT PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS FURTHER.

Guy B. Johnson

PAID
Charge to:
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.

May 22, 1945

Mr. Wellington Wright
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wright:

Just a note to tell you how much I have enjoyed your series of articles on TVA. They are the best popular articles on TVA that I have ever read.

I have been hoping ever since our conference at the Biltmore last month to get around to see you. I wanted to thank you personally for your splendid articles about our post war economy conference, and to talk over with you some of our problems of public relations. I hope we can get together for lunch some time soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
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CLARK HOWELL
PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

May 24, 1945.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thanks for your note of May 22. I am, indeed, glad that you like the TVA articles. In my opinion, it's highly important for all southerners to have an accurate idea of what's happening in that region. I hope these articles are giving some light on that question.

I don't know that my advice on your public relations problems would be of much help to you. But I shall be glad to give it to you any time you want it. As I indicated the last time I talked with you, the trouble that most organizations like this always have, especially at the start, is that every species of social crackpot in the dictionary proceeds to try to use it as an agency to get across his or her own ideas, most of which are plain foolishness. I feel, however, that such an organization as yours has an opportunity to accomplish much - that is, if the planning is of the long-range nature and is well thought out.

Of course, if we are able to solve some of our pressing economic problems, many of the racial problems, probably some of the worst of them, will tend automatically to solve themselves.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully,

Wellington Wright

Wellington Wright

Guy B. Johnson, Esq.,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta, 3, Heorgia.

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JAN 13 1947
Southern Regional Council

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 8th with reference to Mr. Dabbs' article. We will make the necessary corrections in the mimeographed copies.

We should know by January 20th the attitude of the members of our Board toward the printing and distribution of this article. Assuming that it is favorable, we shall either proceed with printing or take up with you the matter of having the Southern Regional Council undertake that job for us.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW/wa

March 12, 1946

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Conway
South Carolina

My dear Mr. Wright:

I have read your article entitled "Facing Facts in South Carolina" with profound interest. One courageous individual like you will automatically gather many courageous followers in due time. I feel hopeful for the advancement of the cause of human relations in South Carolina.

Your article gets down to basic facts and is written in a very convincing style.

Wishing you continued success, I am

Yours very sincerely,

HAROLD L. TRIGG
Associate Executive Director

HLT:jm

#1-BIY-NEW SOUTH: Jan.Mar.Apr.May

June 28, 1946

The Rev. David Cady Wright
Prince Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wright:

At the request of Mrs. Edward B. Martin of Athens, we are sending you the enclosed publications of the Southern Regional Council, which will tell you something of the background, purpose, and program of the organization.

As an Episcopalian, I feel very proud of the representation which our denomination has in the Council, and of the fact that two of our bishops -- Bishop Charles Clingman of Kentucky and Bishop Edwin A. Penick of North Carolina -- are now members of our Board of Directors. We hope that you will also be interested in becoming a member of the Council, and we shall be very glad to have you fill in and return the blank which you will find in the enclosed folder, authorizing us to enroll you.

If you would like to have further information concerning the Council, or if we can serve you in any way, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

January 2, 1947

Mr. M. A. Wright
Wright and Burroughs
Conway, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your letter of December 20. It arrived as we were taking off for the Christmas holidays and I was not able to reply promptly.

We are mimeographing the letter and article which you sent and shall get the finished product to you within the next day or two. I think that Mr. Dabbs' article is very good and we are glad to help make it available to your Board members. I think it is quite possible that we will want to print it either in New South or as a separate leaflet.

Highest regards and warmest greetings for the New Year,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

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DEC 23 1946
Southern Regional Council

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am proud to have had some small part in inducing Mr. Dabbs to write the enclosed article. It seems to me to be scholarly and at the same time capable of being understood and appreciated by those who are not scholars.

Let me ride a willing horse again by persuading you to mimeograph about forty copies of the article and letter which is attached, the letter being for my signature and addressed to all members of our Board of Directors.

You will note that in the letter I seek to secure the sentiment of the members of our Board on the matter of publication of the article. We have no mimeograph facilities and hope that you may permit us to use your own.

In the event that our Board should approve the publication, concerning which I have no doubt, would it be possible for us to ride you further by getting you to publish the article in pamphlet form for fairly wide distribution in this State. I should think that three or four thousand copies might suffice. We would undertake the distribution at this end insofar as South Carolina is concerned and would be glad to have you make such distribution of it elsewhere as you see fit from your office.

Thanking you, and with kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

M. A. Wright

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cc - Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, S. C.

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LINVILLE FALLS, N. C.

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21st August 1947

Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

Thank you for your letter of August 14th advising of the ruling of the Treasury Department as to contributions made to Southern Regional Council. I hope that the fact that such contributions may be considered as deductions may react favorably upon gifts to the Council.

Yours very truly,

M. A. Wright

MAW:L

M. A. Wright

Wright

January 22, 1948

Mrs. Wright
1244 Pittsburgh Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Wright:

The President of our Council, Mr. Paul Williams, has a small wedding gift for Harry and Mrs. Wright. He does not know where to send it. I assume that Harry in his new happiness is no longer at the YMCA, but he has not told me where he is living. And I think it a pity to have Mr. Williams send his giftie all the way to Mississippi only to have it sent back New Yorkwards.

I do hope you are pleased with Harry's choice. He will be an even better man for being married.

I had the pleasure of seeing Dr. Reddix yesterday at Tuskegee. Every success to your daughter at Dr. Reddix's college.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:eb

Wh—
Wright,

February 17, 1948

Miss Alice Wright
1244 Pittsburgh Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Miss Wright:

I am terribly sorry to hear about the fire. I do hope your Mother did not have too trying an experience in getting to safety.

Fir or no fire, you have to keep on at Jackson College.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:s

Thursday
Morning

Dear Dr. Mitchell

How are you and your family?

My mother asked me to write and let you know ~~that~~ our house was burned down to the ground early Monday morning and we lost everything we had. The neighbors have been very nice. We are rooming down the street from our old house.

Wishing you luck,
Alice Wright

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Wysor

April 9, 1948

Mr. Art Wysor
Macedonia Co-op Farm
Clarkesville
Habersham County
Georgia

Dear Art:

So nice to have all the cheering news from Macedonia.

I shall be glad to come and make you the map speech just about any day that I am not traveling somewhere else. I shall be around from April 16 to 21, and from April 26 to April 28, and again from May 1 to May 4.

Let me know when, in that time or later, will suit you and I will come up.

My baby automobile runs for next to nothing, so I don't see why there should be any expenses. I may bring my children along and charge you for some baby sitting, but nothing more.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:eb

39 - Wh -
Wright, Harry

July 6, 1948

Mr. Harry Wright
Apartment 5E
2171 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

Bohannon is back at Atlanta University Summer School. He asked me to talk to a class he is in. Forty-five high school principals from all over this part of the world. I made them my regular speech and put you in the speech.

After the class, one named Charles H. Wilson, Sr., came up and said he taught you in high school. I told him that, in that case, he certainly ought to join the Council. So he paid over two bucks!

We had a long conversation about you and your family.

He says Mississippi is not hopeless and, of course, I encouraged him.

We are living, but at low pressure on account of how hot it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:eb

39-Wh-Misc-
Wright, Harry L.

December 6, 1948

Mr. Harry L. Wright
2171 Madison Avenue, Apt. 5-E
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

I went to Chicago the other week to some meeting or other, and then went to Madison to stay a night with old friends of mine. They had some folks in for supper, including a guy named Robert Clark. He said he was with you in the Pacific. I believe he was a sergeant major too. He also knew your friend Stewart. We sat on the sofa and swapped stories about what a good egg you are, and each of us enjoyed it. He was delighted to hear that you are married to such a nice girl, and said you ought to by all means hurry up and start taking that law. I told him I had been ding-donging on you for a couple of years, but so far had not heard that you were signed up for your law course.

He is studying for a doctor's degree in history at the University of Wisconsin. He went to St. Augustine, is delighted that Trigg is president, and he married a girl from Raleigh going to St. Aug's. He likes it all right there in Madison and appears to have many friends.

When we had our annual meeting ten days or so ago, the Board approved a long list of new guys to be fellows of the Council, including Harry Wright, and your friend Stewart in Oklahoma. We will get around to sending you a fancy official notification sometime. I kind of broke the rules on you, because all of the Fellows live south of the Mason and Dixon line--but I slipped you past anyhow!

The poor Council is getting broker. Can you find any birds up there that would belong to us? Dues went up the other day to $3.00.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Wright, Harry L.

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2171 Madison Avenue
Apartment 5E
New York City, New York
January 18, 1949

Mrs. Norma Huff
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Huff:

Your letter of December 31, 1948 was received by me, and in accord with your instructions the material enclosed was forwarded to Mr. Jimmy Stewart. You will note that Mr. Stewart's given name is Jimmy. His address is 627 N.E. 6th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

My best wishes to you and the staff and my heartiest "Hurrah" for the excellent job you are doing.

Sincerely,

Harry L. Wright

Harry L. Wright

3 9 - Wh - Misc -
Wright, Harry

February 1, 1949

Dear Harry:

First call for the sixty bucks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Mr. Harry L. Wright
2171 Madison Avenue, Apt. 5-E
New York, New York

39-Wh-Misc-
Wright, Harry

February 15, 1949

Dear Harry:

Glad to have word. Don't ache about the sixty bucks. March 4 will be nice, but not essential.

Write me the news.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Mr. Harry Wright
2171 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

39-Wh-Misc -
Wright, Harry

March 9, 1949

Dear Harry:

Second call.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Mr. Harry L. Wright
2171 Madison Avenue, Apt. 5-E
New York, New York

39-Wh-Misc
Wray, Robert P.

April 22, 1949

Mr. Robert P. Wray
Deputy Secretary
State Department of Public Assistance
Harrisburg, Pennsylvanic

Dear Mr. Wray:

We read with great interest your article in the April, 1949 TORCH about Civil Rights.

Our Council has done what it could, here in the South, to push the better ideas. I send you a sample of our things.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

Sending: Honest Answer, Digest, Condition, Jan, Feb, March NS, punch

Wray, etc.
State Dept of Public Assistance
Harrisburg, Penna.

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Sincerely,

Honest Answer
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39-Wh-Misc
Wright, Harry L.

June 1, 1949

Dear Mrs. Wright:

The name of the boss lady in the Girl Scouts who kindly called on me here in Atlanta some months ago was, I believe, Mrs. Carhart. If you care to speak to her of your and my acquaintance, I am sure she would appreciate it.

With best wishes, and many thanks for my biscuit,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Mrs. Harry L. Wright
2171 Madison Avenue, Apt. 5-E
New York, New York

GSM:t

39- W-Misc
Wright-Fielding

August 26, 1949

The Honorable Fielding L. Wright
Governor of Mississippi
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Governor Wright:

I have the honor to send you a copy of New South containing an analysis of the outburst of mob violence last month in Lake County, Florida.

This account has in it some lessons which, I think, would be of interest to responsible officials in charge of law enforcement.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

W

Clintwood, Virginia
December 26, 1949

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

How could anyone devote his life to the elimination of race prejudice? How could any one choose such a fantastically ridiculous way to spend the whole of his precious, unique, and unrenewable life blood? We live once. In the whole of time, we have but one identity. Out of eternity, there is one small second that, forever, will be me — the whole of me. What am I? What have I made that second, which the stars and black space and the face of the universe will forever look upon?

I have made that moment a shrine for the elimination of race prejudice. I have wept and sweated and died because one man does not like another for no reason — for stupid, nonsensical, for meaningless reason. I have devoted my life to that nonsensical reason. My life is built on a ridiculous concoction of man's conceit. How could anyone give one's precious self to such ~~it~~ vacant foolishness?

In wide space, someone points. "Look there, at that little molecule, that little white molecule. It is bouncing and beating and smashing itself, why? Because, there, another little molecule — another little white molecule is taunting a little black molecule. How ridiculous: it is the end of all three. And those molecules are men, capable of so much."

Someone else in space, still farther, says, "I can see the molecules and what they do. But what of the color? I cannot see the color. They look all the same to me."

Try to explain to the physical forces and to the spiritual forces that stretch over the length of time, why you have done with yourself what you have done. They will laugh at you. And your life will be as inexplicable, as empty, as totally without reason as the "cause" you made your own.

And when you have tried to explain, they will laugh also at mankind, that he could have created among himself such meaningless and foundationless attitudes — they will laugh at the whole of life, that such ~~things~~ exist within it, and the whole of life will appear vain, stupid, and with no foundation.

How could anyone . . . how can *I* . . . when man is capable of so much?

I received your letter and the literature and am very grateful to have heard from you. Forgive the tirade. It is written right after a bit of local, common [illegible] gossip about "Niggers We Have Known." Nothing vicious, nothing violent. Just sour. Sickeningly and bitterly sour.

I want to become a member. I send you three dollars because that is what it costs. I want to receive your publications. I want the encouragement of other people's words, because I have none of my own. I am not an arguer, a debater, a convincer of people. I cannot show people the "truth"; or even what I feel is the Truth, by talking to them, by words. I can only feel it and live it — and try harder to live it. I don't know how to explain it. No one will listen but those who want to listen.

I am in a community where all Negroes have been kicked out. It is my opportunity. To lay the foundation for their return, to create a welcome for them out of the hearts of the people, to bring them back. But how? I am too small, too weak, too ignorant, too timid. I beg for the fire from other~~s~~ men's hearts.

I notice that Ira Reid is on your Board of Directors. At the invitation of our "Interracial Committee," he came to speak at Oberlin College during my senior year in 1948. I think perhaps that even some who didn't wish to listen, listened to him.

I hope you are as human as your letter made you appear, and that you will not count this one too much against me. I wish very much to speak to someone.

Sincerely,
Mary W. Wright

39-WH-Misc -
Wright, Harry L.

December 31, 1949

Mr. Harry L. Wright
2171 Madison Avenue, Apt. 5-E
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

We mailed the enclosed material to Mr. James Stewart, a new fellow from Oklahoma. It was returned to us unclaimed because no such street number exists. Would you please forward this material to Mr. Stewart at his correct address?

We would appreciate your supplying us with his correct address. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

February 8th, 1950

Mr. Marion Wright
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is a letter of apology, from me personally, for an oversight for which the blame is mine alone.

I myself sent out the notices to the Executive Committee for the February 2nd meeting, and I now discover that none was addressed to you, so that you did not even know. This is doubly to be deplored since we thus ensured our own deprivation of your wisdom and clear-thinking in a meeting of great importance for the future of the Council.

Mea culpa ! Mea maxima culpa !

I cannot forgive myself, but I hope that you will do so. The minutes will be sent you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

December 4, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Mr. Cadbury.

I am sorry for you to drop that close association with so good a cause, but we appreciate your standing devotedly by us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

MAW

30th
November
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Mr. William E. Cadbury
Eastman, Dillon & Co.
225 South 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Mr. Cadbury:

The notice of the approaching meeting of the Board of Trustees of Penn School has brought home to me the fact that I am afraid I am not in position to be a very good member of the Board. A good member should attend all meetings at which policies are fashioned and where his views and influence may be helpful.

The expense of attending meetings in New York - amounting normally to from $100 to $125 - is more than I feel in position to incur. This is particularly true when I am frequently called upon to attend meetings of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta. The work of this Council in the field of race relations has long seemed to me to be the most valuable activity carried on in the South. It is at all times in fairly desperate financial straits so that I have felt that any contribution which I might make to any cause would be most effective there. Indeed, it has only been my timidity which kept me from soliciting contributions from you and other members of the Penn Board.

With great reluctance I have reached the conclusion that I should tender my resignation as a member of the Penn Board and this letter may be so construed. In resigning I should like to express the view that the work on the Board might be furthered by having a fairly small executive committee whose expenses in attendance upon meetings would be paid by the treasurer.

My brief tenure on the Board has been a most pleasant experience and will be long remembered as having afforded me contact with persons of high character and generous impulses.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:L
cc - Dr. Geo. H. Aull
Clemson College, S. C.

bc - Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

March 25, '54

Harry Wright
New York -

Dear Harry,

I think my ship is going to come in.

What are you doing? Would you be willing to live in Miss-Ark-La? Would Dolores?

Could you manage for 5000 a year, plus travel? I haven't really got any jobs to pass out myself, but I may be able to make a suggestion.

Best,

G.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Harry Wright
United Negro College Fund
22 East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

I had not been many days back when the Attorney General of Georgia jumped on us in his big speech against the NAACP. This is what answered him, though we have not pushed it for publication.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN 12

SCHOOL OF LAW

April 10, 1958

Mr. Frederick B. Rauth
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rauth:

I have your letter of March 27 as well as the sampling of materials published by your organization which you were kind enough to send. I found these materials of great interest and I am sure I would be able to use them successfully as a member of the Diocesan Commission on Race Relations. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending them to me.

Very truly yours,

Charles Alan Wright

Charles Alan Wright

CAW:ks

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Law School of Harvard University

Cambridge 38, Mass.

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"WR"

December 2, 1964

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director, Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

At the request of Paul Johnston of Birmingham, I am enclosing a reprint of my article of the overcrowded Fifth Circuit.

Very truly yours,

Charles Alan Wright

Charles Alan Wright

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August 30, 1967

Miss Marian E. Wright
538½ N. Farish Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39202

Dear Marian:

As you know, Glenda Bartley of our staff spent approximately a week in the office of The Friends of Children of Mississippi. I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed copy of her comments.

Perhaps we can discuss this when you are here next week. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

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Enclosure - 1.

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June 17, 1968

Mr. Duncan Wright
Uncas Road
Guilford, Conn. 06437

Dear Mr. Wright:

In reply to your recent telephone conversation in regard to volunteer work for the summer, I believe if you contact Mr. John McCown, Executive Director, Georgia Council on Human Relations, 52 Fairlie Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, that he will be able to put you to work.

Personally, I believe that working for the Georgia Council would be the easy way out for you. To be quite frank, I think that if you looked around your immediate community you would be able to find a spot where your services would be needed as much as any place in the South.

Yours very truly,

James N. Wood, Jr.
Executive Assistant

JNW/km

MUSIC FILLED THE AIR

'Hymn Of Brotherhood' Dedicated To Rev. Wyland Sunday Night

(Times Photo by Bob Moreland)

LIKE BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS

. . . good deeds are returned manyfold, the Rev. Ben F. Wyland, center, was reassured Sunday. With the honoree are the Rev. Dr. Enoch D. Davis, Second Bethel's pastor, and Lauffer Branch YWCA Executive Director Mrs. Monticello Campbell.

St. Petersburg Times, Tuesday, April 28, 1959

"Hymn of Brotherhood," penned by composer Mrs. Lue Cunningham and set to music by Dr. George Shackley, Sunday night was dedicated to the Rev. Ben F. Wyland, outstanding local humanitarian.

A capacity audience was present for the dedication in Second Bethel Baptist Church which featured the Misses Muriel Biggali and Kha Dennard of Westminster Presbyterian Church and Second Bethel Baptist Church, respectively, as soloists.

Rev. Wyland, who later Sunday evening accepted a citation from Lauffer Branch YWCA for "humanitarian service to the Negro people," is former executive secretary of the United Churches of Greater St. Petersburg and is currently president of the Florida Council for Racial Cooperation. He was instrumental in securing Lauffer's present association house at 2129 15th Ave. S.

Dedication of the hymn and presentation of the citation followed a 30-minute concert of organ classics by Dr. Shackley, director of music at Christ Presbyterian Church, Belleair.

THE LYRICS

The hymn, sung by Miss Baggali, reads thus:

God made the leaves, no two alike,
On each and every tree.
The lovely flowers in gay array
In many shades to see;
And yet he loves them all
In the very same degree.
And so the same is true of man
No matter what his hue,
If yellow, white or black or brown
God loves them through and through
The same as you and I should do.
Yes, tolerance is very good,
As far as it may go;
But we must walk a further mile
Great understanding show
Our Master said it should be so.

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Messenger of Neighborliness and Good Will
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Christian Whizzing By

THE UNNEIGHBORLY CITIZENS in the parable who passed by and refused to give aid to the injured man beside the road have family representatives in St. Petersburg.

Rev. Ben Wyland, a white leader who has received many citations for his work in behalf of Negroes, tells us that when a Negro collapsed in an auto in front of the Florida National Bank, the police called an ambulance. When the ambulance arrived and the driver saw that the sick man was a Negro, he waved his hand and drove away. Before that Negro was taken to the hospital he died.

One of St. Petersburg's Negro ministers told Dr. Wyland that when his wife was stricken by a heart attack, he called a white ambulance with oxygen to take her to the hospital. They refused. When, after much delay, she was taken to the hospital she lived only a few hours.

Clearly this is not representative of a Christian community.

At no time have the Negroes made any unfair demands. They have asked to be given the treatment of fellow citizens of the community. They ask for no special privileges. They plead for treatment that is not a manifestation of ignorance, hatred, injustice and sheer brutality.

"The Negro in this moment of history and tragedy," says Dr. Wyland, "feels he is alone—despised and rejected. We are letting our sins, our prejudices, our hatreds, advertise us all over the world. We are sowing the wind and will reap the whirlwind unless Christian people invoke Christian principles and faith. Racial prejudice defies the law. Racial prejudice defies religion."

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"WITHOUT ENCOURAGEMENT AND guidance and example and immediate access to books, the bookish instinct becomes starved and dies," says Lawrence Clark Powell, librarian of the UCLA Library at Los Angeles. "I am a practicing bookman today because I was *encouraged* to develop my basic bookishness by my mother, my town librarian, two teachers at college, a printer and a bookseller, and finally by a city librarian."

August 6, 1959

Reverend Ben F. Wyland
The Florida Council for Racial
Cooperation
3028 - 9th Avenue, North
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mr. Wyland:

Our mutual friend, Ed Driscoll, has passed on to us your letter concerning our report on waiting rooms as handled by the St. Petersburg Times.

Although we were sorry about the error, we were glad to have it called to our attention. After checking into the origin of the misunderstanding, Dr. Dunbar of our staff wrote the editor of the St. Petersburg Times the enclosed letter, which is self-explanatory. As you will see, the error was through no fault of the local observer.

No other discrepancies have been called to our attention, and as far as we can tell the report is otherwise accurate.

As for our failure to consult you about the situation in St. Petersburg, I can only advance the same reason that led you to write Ed Driscoll rather than directly to us -- that is, a lack of acquaintanceship and prior communication. Let us hope that will be remedied.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

cc: Rev. Edward Driscoll

PRESIDENT-EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Rev. Ben F. Wyland **SECRTARY:** Rev. Handel H. Brown

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August,IO,I959

"Wy" Gen.

Rev Harold C Fleming
63 Auburn Street N .E.
Atlanta Georgia..

My Dear Mr Fleming;

thank you for your letter and correction. The only reason I did not write you direct is I did not have your address. There was no reflection intended. I have respect for you and your organization and the fine work it has been doing. Our regret is we do not know each other better. We help every one working in our field and have acheived some fairly good results. I trust we may become better acquainted and helpful to each other in this grat struggle for civil rights for the negro people. I enclose some information that we may become better acquainted..

Sincerely.

Ben F Wyland

Malachi: "Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another?"

Our Creed Is Brotherhood

Help us make it a reality in Florida

THE Florida Council
for Racial Cooperation
is a state-wide organization
of citizens committed to the ideal
of human brotherhood
under God.

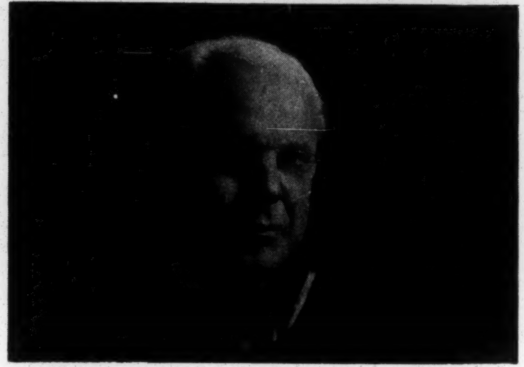
We pray and work for the time . . .

- When second-class citizenship shall be a thing of the past in America . . .
- When racial segregation will no longer place its life-long blight on the bodies of Negroes and the spirit of white men . . .
- When Negro and white Southerners will build together again in good-will.

These Are Our Goals:

1. The right of all Negroes to vote.
2. The equal economic rights of Negroes.
3. Recreational facilities: modern up-to-date bathing beaches, parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, baseball parks.
4. The destruction of slums and the building of beautiful homes and apartments.
5. Cultural centers, libraries, auditoriums.
6. The right of Negroes to attend professional schools—law, medicine, dentistry, nursing.
7. The elimination of all segregation and second-class citizenship in our way of life for all races.
8. Modern kindergarten, elementary schools, high schools, junior colleges and trade schools made available to Negroes.

Typical Of Our Leaders . . .



is the Rev. Ben F. Wyland, president and executive secretary. For ten years, Mr. Wyland was executive secretary of the United Churches of St. Petersburg. Here are some of the things he has done:

1. Spearheaded for the churches the campaign that saved Walter Lee Irwin from a death sentence.
2. For three years, chairman of Rockefeller National financial campaign in this area for 30 accredited Negro colleges.
3. Received the thanks of City Council for work in Negro area to set up a youth center.
4. Secured home for Lauffer Branch Y.W.C.A. (Negro) which handles 700 girls yearly. Bought the house for $1.00 from the city, moved it, and raised $5,000 for its rehabilitation.
5. Conducted successful campaign to house 1500 Negro educators at their convention in St. Petersburg.
6. Led a campaign for clearing Negro slums in St. Petersburg; this eventually resulted in the appointment of the Urban Renewal Committee.
7. Received citation from Bethune-Cookman College for service to Negro people.
8. Given B'nai B'rith Award by Jewish Community for work toward brotherhood.
9. Received degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Edward Waters College for interracial contributions.
10. Chairman two years, Negro Division, Community Chest. Received an Oscar each time.
11. Received Nathaniel Colyer Award from Florida Normal for Brotherhood.
12. Received Citation from National Negro Women and also 16th St. School.
13. Received Citation from Ambassadors' Club, Inc.

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In the South

Here live law-abiding,
God-fearing people.
They are grappling and groping
and searching as never before.
Not enough white Southerners
have yet risen to the challenge
of these tragic hours.
As a result, rabid groups
fasten new repressions
on the South and create
a new climate of fear.
But all this will pass away . . .

Help us toward victory
for brotherhood.

What Our Friends Say

The Hon. Herbert E. Hoover, Former President of the United States:
"You have successfully proved that right and truth will win out, even if slowly."

Dean Liston Pope, Yale University-Divinity School:
"Your work represents the kind of quiet, courageous action that must win the field at last. The Yale-Divinity School is proud to have one of her sons standing so staunchly at a strategic place."

Bishop Henry I. Louttit, Episcopal Diocese of South Florida:
"Be sure I wish you every success and I am sure it will help to bring some real solution to this very difficult problem of race relations."

Mr. Walter Judd, Congressman from Minnesota:
"More power to you. We have been planting the virus of equality among all races in the free world. We must live by or scrap the decencies we have broadcast. We must be good Christians or no Christians at all."

Dr. Enoch D. Davis, Pastor, Second Bethel Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.:
"Having known and worked with Dr. Ben F. Wyland for the past ten years, I am convinced of his genuine sincerity, his depth of character and his love for people of all races and classes. He is a champion of the cause of the underprivileged, the neglected and the disfranchised.

Tom Dreier, President, St. Petersburg Library Board:
"All his life Rev. Ben F. Wyland seems to have done his work with the old Tibetan saying in mind—'If the heart be stout, a mouse can lift an elephant.' Naturally, he likes to carry on his activities with the support of like-minded associates, but if there are no associates willing to face the guns of opposition, he'll face them alone with calm courage."

St. Petersburg Times Editorial: writing on "A Fiting Tribute to Dr. Wyland":
"Dr. Wyland's decision to move up to the executive secretaryship of the Florida Council of Racial Cooperation will give that group a solid and dedicated leader in its effort to solve one of the South's greatest problems through the medium of goodwill and Christian principles. The stature of the man has been recognized by the National Council of Churches which has drafted him three times as an exchange preacher to England. He has received many other citations and awards. The Times wishes him well in his new endeavor and knows he will take into it the zeal and understanding necessary for its success."

Dr. Richard V. Moore, President, Bethune-Cookman College:
"May God continue to guide you in every endeavor attempted and if our resources can be of assistance to you in any way, please notify me."

Dr. Allen Knight Chalmers, Boston University:
"You are doing a very good and necessary work in race relations."

Dr. R. W. Puryear, President of Florida Normal and Industrial College:
"I commend you on the fine leadership you have given to the cause of improving the status of the Negro. You are doing a work that is noteworthy."

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September 30, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have read parts of Mr. Mangum's manuscript with interest but must confess that I am not qualified to judge the major portion of it, which is devoted to a discussion of legal interpretation and citation of cases. I have neither the time, training, nor library facilities to determine whether the cases which he chose were most appropriate to his purpose. I would like to make the following criticisms of the first chapter of the manuscript: (The numbered items correspond to numbers in the margin of the text.)

1. According to Article V of the Constitution, two-thirds (not simply a majority) of both Houses must concur in an amendment and the proposed amendment does not become a part of the Constitution until it is ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States or conventions in three-fourths of the States. Congress does not enact an amendment.

2. Discussion of diversification might well be broadened to mention specifically livestock and livestock products which are essential to a well-balanced farm enterprise in many areas.

3. Is the phrase "early date" used with reference to the South alone? The landlord's lien is used throughout the U. S. and many have been introduced in other areas before it was used here.

4. In some localities improvements performed by tenants led to increased rents. Even when this is not the case the fear of such an outcome may have precluded the making of improvements.

5. There remains the possibility, remote I hasten to add, that tenure arrangements between landlord and tenant can be so satisfactorily controlled by law and custom that the status of "tenant" will not carry its present undesirable connotations. In some parts of the U. S., the social standing of tenants is comparable to that of owners and in the United Kingdom tenure laws have been so framed as to make

farming by tenants as secure and prosperous as owner operation. Such a solution would remove the necessity for a large capital investment which is a stumbling block to many farmers who wish to become successful and respected members of their communities.

General criticism of "Statement of Tenancy Problems and its Legal Implications:"

The statement should be outlined and reorganized. It jumps from generalizations about the problem to particularities on legal points and back again, seemingly without any logical progression.

For the remainder, I wonder if it would not be possible to set up sub-sections of chapters, each section to deal with a different state in the discussion of specific cases. It might also be profitable to footnote the citations rather than carrying them in the body of the text, even where this would necessitate a large number of footnotes on a page. It seems to me that it would be wise to consult lawyers with rural practices on the use to which such a text could be put. It might be of value to law students.

The cases cited vary so much, due to the infinity of detail which must be considered by the courts, that it is extremely difficult to draw general conclusions from them. If the manuscript were to be published for general consumption, I believe the main job of the author should be an attempt to synthesize the many cases and present a few general principles. I realize, of course, that an inherent weakness of this approach would be that no one could pick up the book and apply it to a specific case in which he was involved.

Thank you for letting me see this manuscript and I am sorry that I am not able to make more constructive criticisms.

Yours very truly,

/s/
Dudley E. Young
Agricultural Economist
Division of Land Economics

Time, March 14, 1949 Young, P.B.

THE PRESS

The Bamboo Curtain Falls

For foreign correspondents, Peiping was once one of the world's most comfortable beats. Life in the walled university city, the base for covering North China, was graceful, unhurried, and for a foreigner with U.S. dollars comparatively cheap. Newsmen came for brief visits and, taken by Peiping's ancient charms, often stayed on for months in Ta Tien Shui Ching Hutung (Big Sweet Water Well Alley), Peiping's correspondents' row.

Like many Peiping intellectuals, some of the 16 correspondents in residence there this winter viewed without alarm the prospect of Communist capture of Peiping. Boss Mao Tse-tung had promised complete press freedom, and correspondents hoped to get an on-the-spot picture of the Red army. But when Red troops marched in last month, newsmen got a rude surprise.

Instead of friendship, Communist organizations denounced the A.P.'s Spencer Moosa and the U.P.'s Michael Keon for "base insults" to the people of Peiping. Cried one Red committee: "We cannot tolerate frenzied barkings from the scum of the journalistic world."

Cabled the New York *Herald Tribune's* old China Hand A. T. ("Arch") Steele: "These [Communists] no longer are the same easily approachable people they were during the salad days at Yenan . . . No foreigner here has succeeded in meeting any [important] Communist . . . What is not clear is how much this [standoffishness] is a calculated policy . . ."

Last week Newsman Steele and his colleagues had an answer. The Communist bosses of Peiping dropped a bamboo curtain, cutting off Peiping from the world. All foreign newsmen were ordered to "cease . . . collection of news and dispatching of news telegrams." In the drab, drafty Peking Club, the correspondents met and voted to stay on, at least until they were sure the ban was permanent.

Three in a Row

Searching his brain for a fresh lead on an editorial on slums, Editor P. Bernard Young of the Norfolk (Va.) *Journal and Guide* stared moodily out the window—and saw a Negro hovel cave in. Rushing from his office, he got pictures, a story and a bitter editorial that shocked Norfolk's officials into action. That was in 1933. Now Norfolk has four modern Negro housing developments, and Editor Young heads the Negro housing advisory commission.

Bowler—Norfolk *Journal and Guide*

NORFOLK'S YOUNGS*
No frontal attack.

For nearly 40 years, the weekly Norfolk *Journal and Guide* has campaigned so skillfully for the Negro that it is the biggest Negro newspaper in the South (circ. 68,000). It is also about the most soundly edited paper in a segment of the U.S. press that is too often shrill, sensational and irresponsible. Last week the *Guide* won its third straight Wendell Willkie award—for public service in Negro journalism. Said Louis M. Lyons, curator of Harvard's Nieman Fellowships and chairman of the judges: "For the most part, the Negro press has a long way to go to reach the highest standards. The *Guide* is a first-class paper by any standards."

Gideon's Knights. When P. (for Plummer) Bernard Young went to work for the *Guide* in 1907, it was the fraternal organ

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STEWARDESS: But sir, this . . .

PASSENGER: I gave this trip everything I had! Know what's in my bags? Arrow White Shirts! Got to look my ab-so-lute best. And there's nothing like an Arrow Dart, or Dale, or Drew to make a man look his finest. And especially for Paris! ZOW!

STEWARDESS: I quite agree, sir, however . . .

PASSENGER: And *why* does an Arrow Shirt make a man look like a million? Because it's cut to his very torso. Even a torso like mine. Good old MITOGA design does it. Paris! YIPE!

STEWARDESS: Have you considered the possibility, sir . . . ?

PASSENGER: I've considered EVERY possibility, and I always come away with Arrows, when it comes to shirts. Why, even in regard to shrinkage—the Sanforized trade-mark handles *that!* Every Arrow Shirt has one . . . which means *no* Arrow Shirt shrinks even a teensy 1%! And every Arrow Shirt has buttons that are anchored on! Paris! COO-EE!

STEWARDESS: Sir, sir . . . I hate to break this to you, with all your talk of Paris, but this plane is going to *London!*

PASSENGER: London? London? Oh-my-gawsh! But my ticket said . . . London, eh? BOY! WILL I WOW 'EM IN LONDON!

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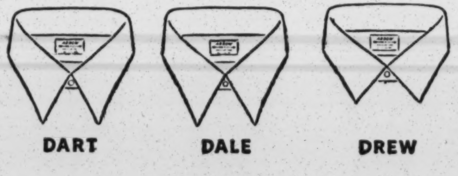

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(circ. 500) of the Knights of Gideon. One day the editor failed to show up and Printing Foreman Young tried his hand at an editorial. He did so well that he was hired as associate editor. In 1910, Young took over the *Guide* and turned it into a general newspaper for Negroes. Now it has 80 employees, an International News Service wire and good Washington coverage from the National Negro Press Association.

In 1943, "P.B. Sr.," now 64, became editor emeritus. But he still goes to the *Guide* office every day and keeps a watchful eye on the way things are run by his sons. Editor in chief is "P.B. Jr.," 42, who was a correspondent during World War II, later covered the Bikini atomic tests and the United Nations conference at San Francisco (for which he won the *Guide's* first Willkie award). President and business manager is brother Thomas W. ("T. W."), 40. The newspaper's philosophy on race relations is still old P.B.'s own: "I am definitely opposed to the frontal attack. I believe in negotiation, arbitration, conciliation and persuasion. If that does not work, then I resort to the courts."

Into Battle. The Young approach, among other things, got Gloucester County to float a $750,000 bond issue to improve conditions in Negro schools, and persuaded Norfolk to pay the same salaries to Negro and white schoolteachers. On only a few occasions has the *Guide* used the frontal attack. After a Negro was convicted of raping a white woman and condemned to death, the *Guide* decided he was innocent. It defied local custom by printing the woman's name. A white man read the story, gave testimony that proved the case was a frame-up.

The *Guide* is a modest moneymaker, but the Youngs look forward to the day when the paper will no longer be needed. Says T. W., who is president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association: "If the daily newspapers . . . adequately reported [Negro news] and crusaded against all injustices . . . they would take away the . . . reason why Negro newspapers exist."

Something for Roberta

When fire destroyed her home in a Chicago suburb, 14-year-old Roberta Lee Mason rescued four brothers & sisters. But she was burned so badly that she had to be swathed in bandages from head to foot. Her throat-catching picture (TIME, Feb. 28) made front pages across the U.S. Soon money, clothes, even chewing gum began to pour in; everybody wanted to "do something for Roberta." But what the Masons needed was a new house.

Managing Editor Eliezer ("Lou") Shainmark of Hearst's Chicago *Herald-American* saw a way to combine a good deed and a good story. He got his labor editor to talk to big Mike Sexton, boss of the local A.F.L. Carpenters Union. Mike pulled on an old khaki jacket and went out to build the house himself—his first carpentry job in 32 years. Other unions contributed labor while builders supplied materials. This week, a $17,000 free Cape Cod-style house for Roberta was rising out of the ashes of the old one.

Y - Misc.

July 12, 1950

Mr. S. R. Young
President and General Manager
Atlanta and West Point Rail Road Company
4 Hunter Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Young:

I do greatly appreciate the detailed attention and thoughtful consideration in your letter of June 29. You will recall that it was in reply to a letter from me of May 22 about overcrowding as complained of by a Negro passenger from Athens, Georgia, to Chehaw, Alabama.

It was extremely courteous of you to go so carefully into the matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Atlanta and West Point Rail Road Company
The Western Railway of Alabama
Georgia Railroad

S. R. Young
President-Gen'l Manager

Atlanta 3, Ga. JUNE 29, 1950

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Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Ave. N E
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of May 22, registering complaint as to treatment of a negro woman passenger on train No. 37, May 13, enroute Athens, Georgia to Chehaw, Alabama.

Investigation develops that this passenger arrived Atlanta on Seaboard Silver Comet due at 7:20 A.M. However, due to the railroad strike which was in progress at the time, Seaboard passengers had to be transferred from Emory Station to the Terminal Station by bus, and this particular morning they arrived Terminal Station sometime after 9:00 A.M. A&WP train No. 37 was very late that morning, leaving here at 11:08 A.M. On leaving Atlanta the report shows there were 110 coach passengers and 71 pullman passengers; 50 of the coach passengers being colored. We have two full sized coaches for white and one-half for colored; all individual reclining seats. The one coach for white was completely filled and the other about half filled. This left 50 colored passengers to be taken care of in 22 seats. In order to relieve the situation, 15 of these colored passengers were placed in room accommodations in the pullman cars, we accepting their coach tickets with no additional collections. This took care of all but 13 passengers who had to stand leaving Atlanta. These passengers were told that there was another train leaving in one hour and 47 minutes, with air-conditioned individual reclining seat coach, and they would be much more comfortable if they cared to wait. However, they elected to use the service on No. 37 and stand rather than to wait for the later train. We understand all these passengers had seats before very long.

There was no way for us to know until the crowd presented themselves at No. 37 as to just how many we would have. That particular day was an unusual day insofar as the number of colored passengers on the train was concerned. We believe our Passenger Representative did a good job handling this crowd, and certainly went further than normally in trying to take care of these passengers by putting 15 of the colored coach passengers in the pullman at no extra charge. It was unfortunate that this particular negro girl was not one of the 15.

Yours very truly

S R Young

President and General Manager

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July 11, 1950

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

That was most kind of you to write, and I appreciate it. I look forward to a copy of the Defender with your item.

Here is a letter from a recent issue of the Raleigh News and Observer which caused a lot of sad amusement in North Carolina. I happened to be in Raleigh the day it came out. It was the general topic of conversation. I think perhaps it would come in as grist to your mill.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 6, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive
Director, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell: Thank you for sending me a copy of the Council booklet, "Questions and Answers," on the school cases.

I read it with a great deal of interest and I also read a resume of it in the New York Times.

It ought to condition people generally for non-segregated schools if and when that happens.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

P B Young

P. B. YOUNG, SR.

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April 30, 1954

Miss Louise Young
Department of Sociology
Scarritt College for Christian Workers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

Many thanks for your letter of Apr
and for the $1.49 that fully paid for the Q
A's.

I am sending to you the map that my
daughter, Charlotte, did. Here high school
budget would be much assisted by your kind $8

A friend in Alabama wrote us, anent
the new grant, that we would not be much
busier but we would get more done! I depend
your sympathy and effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Scarritt College For Christian Workers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
LOUISE YOUNG

April 27, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George Mitchell,

Thank you for sending me "Questions and Answers" so promptly. I enclose my check for $1.49 in payment.

I have been looking for the map which you wrote that your daughter was copying for us. On re-reading your letter I am guessing that you are not sending it unless you hear from me again. If you have not already disposed of it, I would be glad for you to send it to us. If it should not prove us~~e~~able here or across the Street at the Board of Education I will return it to you promptly. I think, however, that we will be glad to keep it here for our own use. If you have already disposed of this copy don't feel under obligation to have another copy made for us for I can imagine the pressure under which all of you are working these days.

It was good to learn of the Ford Foundation Grant to the Council. I know of no Agency that could make such good use of this money, especially at this particular time.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Young
Louise Young

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May 11, 1954

Mr. P. B. Young, Sr.
Editor and Publisher
Norfolk Journal and Guide
719-723 Olney Rd.
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mr. Young:

With your permission we would like to reproduce an adaptation of the map showing travel distance to Prince Edward Park from Virginia's major cities which appeared in the Aug. 25, 1951 *Journal and Guide*.

The map would appear in an article on state parks in the South in the forthcoming issue of *New South*.

In preparing the article we relied a great deal on the *Journal and Guide's* coverage of the Virginia situation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

P. S. We are of course giving credit to the *Journal and Guide* for the original.

May 18, 1954

Miss Louise Young
Department of Sociology
Scarrit College for Christian Workers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

My daughter, Charlotte, was delighted to have your generous check for the map. She found herself in the complication of dues to various high school outfits at Commencement time and distributed the proceeds rapidly into action channels.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 30, 1954

Mr. Jack Yingling
The Office of Senator Fulbright
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Yingling:

Please accept my long over-due expression of appreciation for the opportunity to talk with you and Senator Fulbright on May 11th.

A copy of The Negro and The Schools is being sent to you under separate cover.

As consideration is given to the advantage to the South itself -- as well as to the nation -- inherent in the Supreme Court's Decision of May 17th, we believe the region will accept and use the opportunities before it.

We are grateful for your interest in these matters.

Sincerely,

Grace T. Hamilton
Associate Director

GTH/

October 27, 1954

Miss Louise Young
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Miss Young:

Thank you so much for the help you gave to me while I was in Nashville. The discussion with your class was most exhilarating. I was amused at how well you had described each of them and how easily they were identified from your description.

When I finally finished Friday afternoon, I was far from Scarritt with the book "The Church Speaks" and had no way of getting it to you. If you wish it, I will express it to you. As soon as I remake the lost map showing states and [illegible] dates of cases in segregated schools, I will forward it to you together with the booklet giving a history of each case.

Again I wish to thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rf

April 18, 1956

Mr. M. E. Yasser
245 West 29th Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Yasser:

You promised to send me a reprint of Lincoln's second Inaugural Address.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Miss Louise Young
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

I came across this draft of the map speech.

I has a number of errors, but most of it seems to run true to form.

The movie version that they are making is to my mind gravely reduced. For instance, they cut out nearly the whole business about the mountains, which is the funniest part. However, I am in the hands of the movie-makers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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PLEASE 2nd request

December 2, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Church
Auburn Avenue, N. E. at Ivy St., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I have been directed by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays to write you for some material that will help me to prepare for a discussion on "Race Relations" at a National Youth Conference to be held at one of our Mid-western Colleges on December 27.

Not knowing what you have I am following his suggestion that I ask you to forward what you think would be helpful. I shall be happy to pay for that which I can use and return the other immediately. That is, if such material can be sent on approval. If not sent as such, please make up package of what you think will be helpful not to exceed $12.50. I would particularly like to have material on voting, integration, housing, job opportunities, recreation, etc.

Your immediate attention will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Kenneth B. Young
Director
Southern Normal O ra
Bruton Ala.

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June 29, 1959

Mrs. Morris S. Young
P. O. Box 992
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Young:

Thank you for your letter of June 26, concerning Negro voting. I am mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of our most recent report on voting issued late in 1958. The Council is in the process of preparing a manuscript for another full scale treatment on the Negro voting registration in the South, but I am afraid this will not be ready in time for your project.

We do not have additional pamphlets for distribution aside from the Negro Voter which you have.

You might write the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 208 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Ga., and/or Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Southeastern Director, NAACP, 895½ Hunter Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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P. O. Box 992
Anderson, S. C.
June 26, 1959

Mr. John Constable, Director of Information
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

I have been given the opportunity to speak to about 2 or 3 hundred people on July 19th on the theme:"The Need of Qualified Registered Citizens to Protect our Future Heritage". I have been referred to you by Mr. Courtney Siceloff of Penn Community for possible material aid in collecting some pertinent thoughts to use on this occassion.

Mr. Siceloff also suggested that I contact Mr. John McCain for informational materials, car stickers about registering and voting, and duplicate application forms for registration which I might be able to obtain. I have the booklet "The Negro Voter in the South" but it is not as up to date as I should like to have (even though I definitely intend to use some of the very good basic material in it).

I thought that perhaps your office may have some small pamphlets or mimeographed materials which I could pass out to the people for them to take home with them for study later. Much that is said in speeches is lost before the people reach home, but if they can take something with them the information has a more reasonable chance of taking root--and on this and many other topics we really need ROOTS.

Any suggestion, information and/or materials which you may be able to send my way would be very greatly appreciated. I am also writing to Mrs. Alice Spearman to see if she has any notes from the recent workshop which was held at Penn.

Very sincerely,

Eleanore M. Young

Mrs. Morris S. Young

P. O. Box 992
Anderson, S. C.
June 30, 1959

Mr. John Constable
Director of Information
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

Thank you very much for the answer to my letter of June 29th. I am sincerely grateful for the material you are sending me and for other information contained in your letter which will aid me in making preparation for my speech to be made July 19th.

I shall contact, by mail, immediately, the persons referred to in your letter. I appreciate this help very much.

Very respectfully,

E. M. Young
Mrs. Morris S. Young

YCS
YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS
college headquarters
1700 W. JACKSON BLVD. CHICAGO 12, ILL. TA 9-1381

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May 11, 1960

Publications Department
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

We are a student movement directed towards social action; our members work through the small group Jocist technique and with existing organizations on or around a campus to make their "milieu" free and open to a normal, healthy development and to promote students' thinking in terms of professional competence for service to the needs of society.

The above is by way of introduction. Since last March, our groups on college and university campuses throughout the country have been working on the problem of segregation, prompted by the Southern students' sit-in movement. They have promoted sympathy demonstrations, pickets of chain stores with Southern segregation policies, fund-raising campaigns for scholarships and the defense funds of the Southern students involved in the sit-ins. At the present time they have been investigating the racial situation in local communities: the question of segregation in local restaurants, hotels, hospitals, housing, college and university admission policies and their ways of recruiting students, etc. The students are interested in continuing their work in their home communities over the summer, and with the fall term, we plan to launch a program to continue and intensify this work. A member of our national staff, Miss Betty Lou McCarter (who is at present Executive Secretary of the Emergency Public Integration Committee in Boston), recently attended the meeting of Southern students in Nashville at Easter, and then the NSA meeting on sit-ins in Washington. She has reported that the Southern students do not intend to let the issue die over the summer. It is especially in support of their action that we wish to program on race, and we feel that work which Northern students attempt to carry out in their own communities will greatly benefit and take on a new dimension of meaning through keeping in contact with work being done in the South.

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have
done.

For this reason, we would like to request that we be placed on your mailing list for news releases and other mailings which you think would help us. We would appreciate this very much and feel that it would help the work which our students are attempting to do.

We wish you every possible success in your work.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Anne Corry

Anne Corry
Staff Member, College YCS

AC:ac

July 1, 1955.

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
224 Southern Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Adam:

It was good being with you yesterday, despite the handicap of sleeplessness. I will look forward to getting your draft memo and will pass along any helpful suggestions I can pick up from our staff and others who might be discreetly consulted.

The expenses which I met were:

Plane fare (Abrams & Fleming) --	$ 129.26
Taxi from National Airport --	2.85
Total	$ 132.11

I've added your name to our mailing list and, for background, am sending you several recent things.

Jane sends her best to you and your wife, and both of us wish you two a speedy (but not too speedy) delivery.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

P. S. - Enclosed is a copy of the article by John T. Fey.

HCF/vc
Enc.

July 13, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher

Adam Yarmolinsky

R. L. Hunt's Letter on Churches and Desegregation.

I think it is a good idea to have lawyers write articles for laymen, and there are lawyers who have that facility. Wouldn't it be easier, however, for George Mitchell than for us to find the lawyer?

Also, what about a conference on desegregation in sectarian schools in order to air the problems of the church groups that want to operate integrated schools, and to give them a chance to exchange ideas on solutions? It occurs to me that such a conference might well be held outside the South (perhaps under the auspices of the National Council of Churches?) in order to avoid adverse publicity that might scare off some of the participants, or their more timid co-religionists.

I am enclosing an extra copy of this memorandum for George Mitchell since he seems to be a third-party defendant in this correspondence but I have not yet met him.

I am returning herewith the copy of the Phi Delta Kappan containing Mr. Hunt's article.

Enclosures

AY/emn

July 14, 1955

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
2214 Southern Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Adam:

I thought you did an excellent job of summing up our conclusions about the proposed Legal Reporting Service. The members of our staff are unanimously of the opinion that the proposed plan is good.

One of our staff members makes the suggestion that a good person to consult would be Hollis Rinehart, Ingraham Building, Miami 32, Florida, a liberal and influential lawyer. He is a member of the board of regents of Higher Education in Florida and a member of our board as well. I think he would be helpful.

I further discussed the idea confidentially with a couple of able young lawyers of my acquaintance. One of them was Winston Huff, a graduate of Yale Law School and a member of Elliot Goldstein's firm. He agreed very strongly with the supposition that the Service can hardly become commercially profitable or self-sustaining. Having been, early in his practice, city attorney for the small town of West Point, Georgia, he can speak from experience of the lawyer in that situation. As he puts it, most such lawyers would not pay anything for such a Service at the time when the issue was not live in the community. But once the matter arose, they would pay anything within reason for all the relevant legal background. This supports the belief that the individual lawyer's interest would be sporadic and that, consequently, the Service would have to be largely subsidized at least for some time.

Huff's first reaction was that the Service might do more to arm the segregationists than the integrationists. However, he conceded that this would depend heavily on the amount and nature of analysis provided.

I hope these random comments are of some use. Let me know when and if I can be of further help.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC, INC.

Please Reply to
224 Southern Bldg.
Washington 5, D. C.

July 26, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th, which I just found on my return from a 10-day trip.

The first day out I stopped in Nashville, where I met first with Pete McKnight and Don Shoemaker, who had some helpful suggestions, and then with Chancellor Branscomb of Vanderbilt, who called in his law school dean, John Wade, and they both waxed so enthusiastic about the project that we got almost immediately into a serious discussion as to whether Vanderbilt might not take it over. Branscomb has since gotten informal approval from his trustees, subject to further investigation by Wade to assure himself that the project is professionally feasible, and to find adequate staff. At this point, therefore, there is not much we can do but await his verdict.

I might add that we talked about the possibility of getting either Leflar or Davis to come to Vanderbilt to head up the service.

I am, naturally, very pleased by this turn of events, since I think Vanderbilt is about as good a home as we could hope to find for the service. I shall let you know as soon as there is anything more definite to report.

In the meanwhile I shall store away, for future reference, your comments on lawyers' willingness to pay for the service. What I discussed with Branscomb and Wade was a nominal charge of a dollar or two a year, mostly to avoid the impression that someone who gives a publication away has an ax to grind.

Sincerely,

Adam

Adam Yarmolinsky

cc: Morris Abram, Esq.

P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to Morris for his information.

July 27, 1955.

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
224 Southern Building
Washington D.C.

Dear Adam:

Davisson Dunlap is in the process of getting Attorney General Irving's reaction to the proposed legal reporting service. I should be able to write you about it shortly. Meanwhile, I can give you the views of Hollis Rhinehardt, the prominent Miami lawyer whom I mentioned in my last letter.

Rhinehardt feels that the service would be extremely valuable. He suggests that the University of Florida Law School be further considered as incentive. He praised the Dean (Fenn, from Yale) as an outstanding man whose background and interest would equip him to direct the servece. Whatever Law School is chosen, Rhinehardt suggests that a cooperative arrangement be made with a law School in each Southern state for senior students to brief appropriate cases arising in their respective states; their briefs would then be sent to the central office for editing and compilation. He feels that the subsidy would have to be quite sizable to make such an arrangement possible. Rhinehardt threw in the suggestion that the material could periodically be put together in journal form for permanent reference.

To morrow, I am going to see Marion Wright, a lawyer of many years'experience in South Carolina and President of SRC. I will pass along to you any idea of his that might of value.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

P.S. Congratulations on the new offspring; sounds as if he was worth waiting for !

THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC, INC.

Please Reply to
~~1205 Walker Building~~ 224 Southern Building
Washington 5, D. C.

August 1, 1955

Mr. Harold Fleming
Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 27, which must have crossed my letter of July 26 in the mails.

Dean Wade of Vanderbilt is now preparing a memorandum on the scope of the project, and as soon as I receive it, I will pass on the comments and suggestions that you have picked up.

I reported all this to Mr. Hutchins last week, and he seemed to think things were moving in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Adam

Adam Yarmolinsky

August 1, 1955

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
224 Southern Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Adam:

Thank you for your letter. It sounds as though the plans for the reporting service develop better than we could have hoped.

You may recall that in my last letter, I spoke of getting the views of Marion Wright, president of SRC, since he is a lawyer of long experience in South Carolina. Enclosed is the full -and I do mean full- text of his letter. Some of his suggestions may be of interest. As for his long point 9, pluging the Council as the logical sponsor, this is strictly his own personal idea and does not represent the thinking of the staff or of the Council in any organizational sense. As you know, I agreed from the first that a Southern law school would be the logical sponsoring institute. I transmit Mr. Wright's proposals simply as those of one person whose views I shught.

I am about to leave for two weeks vacation, but I am asking others here in the office to forward to you any reaction from Ervin (via Dunlap) that might come during my absence.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ated by Harold C. Fleming/signed in his absence.

August 26, 1955.

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
224 Southern Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Adam:

This is one fan letter that you wont have to acknowledge.

I received a copy of your Collection of Case Studies in Personnel Security and took it home with me with the idea of glancing through it for one hour or so. I wound up at 2 a.m. having read it all the way through. I hope it had as much impact for the people who can do something directly about the system.

I was also pleased to see the amount of publicity the publication has received, although I was a trifle stunned by the conclusion that *Time* drew from it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

Encls. - ltr to Dr. Allen Easley 8/31/55
FFR ltr (Mr. Loescher) 8/22/55 to Mr. Yarmolinsky
Memo Yarmolinsky, Ferry, & Freeman - to R. L. Hunt 7/6/55
ltr to R. L. Hunt 7/6/55 from Loescher
ltr from R.L. Hunt 6/20/55 to David Freeman
ltr from Sheila Kislik 7/14/55 to Adam Yarmolinsky
Memo from Yarmolinsky to Frank Loescher 7/13/55
April, 1955 Phi Delta Kappan

September 20, 1955

Professor Ernest W. Machen
Wake Forest College
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Machen:

Allen Easley will have told you, I hope, that I wrote him about someone to do a study on Church and School. Allen says you would do it well if it should suit you to undertake it.

I send a bulky file about the matter. Pretty scrappy, but obviously the Fund for the Republic likes the idea of something being written and published in this field. In my judgment what that means is they would receive with attention an application for a fellowship grant that would enable you to take on and complete the job. I suppose that means making up your own budget, and telling them how many dollars and how many months it would take, and what kind of printment might be expected to result.

Maybe you are not at all interested, but maybe you could fit it in. It would certainly be a service to the country and to the South. If you are interested, I suggest you write to the Fund for the Republic, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, Attention Frank Loescher, and make a proposal. If it has no interest for you, and you can think of someone who might undertake it, I would be grateful for word from you.

When the file which I send has served its purpose with you you might be so good as to send it back to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Allen Easley
Encls.

bc: Mr. Frank Loescher

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September 22, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your thoughtful letter of September 19 has just arrived, and I want to draft an equally thoughtful reply within the next few days. Meanwhile I merely pass along the information, conveyed by Frank Loescher in a telephone call last week, that the Fund has apparently reached an agreement with Vanderbilt Law School in the matter of the Legal Reporting Service.

Also, a word or two on several other matters outstanding:

(1) With the assistance of the Emory University Law Library, John Constable found that the phrase "deliberate speed" is not treated in Words and Phrases. In the opinion of the library staff, the phrase appears to be a usage with no judicial history behind it.

(2) I received your telephone message from Jane when I got in last Wednesday night. I reached Harry Jones at a Durham Hotel and conveyed your suggestions to him. He since advised me that he spent sometime in Southern Pines the following day and found everything quiet. He conferred with the mayor and several local ministers and was reassured that local leadership had planned wisely to prevent the development of any incident. He said that the state group would continue to be in touch with the situation.

If a like situation should arise, I think it would be more efficient and perfectly proper for you to communicate directly with Harry Jones. As a member of the Council living in North Carolina, you will clearly be in a position to initiate suggestions to the State Executive Director. His telephone numbers are as follows:

Office: FRanklin 6-6833

Home: EDison 3-9155

Please understand that I am making this suggestion only in the interest of rapid communication in cases of emergency nature.

(3) Enclosed is a copy of your letter as carried in the *Atlanta Daily World*. (I sent it to the *World* and to the *Norfolk Journal and Guide* as well as several white dailies). I will send along any other printings that I can discover.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Enclosure-1

Fund for Republic

1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

November 29, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Hal,

This is just to say that I thought the October issue of "New South" was particularly good, and that Jonathan Daniels' piece is magnificent.

Best regards to you and Jane.

Sincerely,

Adam

(Adam Yarmolinsky)

December 9, 1955

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
1820 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Adam:

Thanks for your welcome note about the October New South.

This gives me an occasion to say how glad I was to hear of your ongoing connection with the Fund for the Republic. They did themselves and everybody else a good turn.

I hope your work will bring you to Atlanta again and that we can snag you for an evening of conversation.

Our best to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

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April 10, 1956

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Adam:

A brief note to let you know that Keith Kyle duly showed up and we spent some pleasant and profitable time together. I am glad you steered him this way.

Congratulations on your new position with the Fund. I hope this means that we will be working together more as time goes on.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

March 16, 1956

Mr. Harold Fleming
Assistant Director of Information
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Hal:

This is just to say that a friend of mine, Keith Kyle, Washington correspondent for The Economist of London, is about to set out on a Southern tour, and I've suggested that he look you up on the way. I think you will find him both interesting and interested.

Sincerely,

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Adam Yarmolinsky

Telephone: MUrray Hill 2-1250

The Fund for the Republic INC.

60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York

April 19, 1956

Harold C. Fleming, Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

DearHal:

Thank you for your nice note. I have just come back from a week in Boulder, Colorado at the University of Colorado Conference on World Affairs, where Keith Kyle gave every evidence that he had been well briefed by you and your associates.

Give my regards to Jane.

Sincerely,

Adam Yarmolinsky
Secretary

AIRMAIL June 20, 1956

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East Forty-second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

Thanks for sending me the copy of Mickey Levine's report on Negro veterans in the South. It is certainly not long on documentation. Moreover, Mickey has laid at the door of the VA and the House Veterans Affairs Committee many of the discriminations which are part of the general segregation pattern in the deep South.

None of this alters the point which I intended to make to Frank Loescher: that, so far as the "expose" approach to the problem is concerned, Mickey's generalized report has just about exhausted the potentialities. We feel that what is called for is a broader gauged appraisal of the Negro veteran's status in the South. This is a more difficult job than simply trying to ferret out a list of examples of discrimination and shortcomings by VA offices. It means assessing the various conditions - over many of which VA has no control - that curtail the enjoyment of veteran's benefits by Negroes in the South. It would also include evaluation of instances in which some of these problems have been overcome or in which local VA officials and veterans' organizations have done a better than average job of servicing Negro veterans. The object here would be not merely to recognize positive achievements, but to point the way to possible correctives at the administrative and community levels.

My view was and is that a study along these lines would be helpful. Since it would be a sizable undertaking, it might be well to limit the area to be covered. Whether or not AVC can secure the right people for the job I do not know. If it can and is interested in this more balanced approach, I see no reason why AVC would not be the appropriate sponsoring group. I think it should be a veteran's organization rather than, say, the Southern Regional Council. And I know of no other veterans' organization that has the point of view and the incentive to do the job.

I hope these general comments are of some help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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The Fund for the Republic INC.

60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York

May 29, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Enclosed find copy of correspondence with Mickey Levine about a study by AVC of the administration of veterans' benefits to Negroes in the South.

What do you think of this? Would an AVC report have much impact? Is this a subject that the SRC fact-finding program might undertake with greater possibilities of influencing public opinion? Or should we consider a joint SRC-AVC project?

Best regards

Sincerely,

Frank

Frank S. Loescher

P.S. Thanks for your memorandum on Hazel B. Smith

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May 24, 1956

Mr. Mickey Levine
American Veterans Committee
45 East 65th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mickey,

This is just to acknowledge your letter of the 18th to Mr. Ferry withdrawing your application for a Fund grant for work on military personnel security cases and inquiring about the possibility of a grant for a field study of the administration of veterans' benefits to Negroes in the South.

As soon as we have had an opportunity to discuss this proposal here, we shall be in touch with you again.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Adam Yarmolinsky
Secretary

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Mr. W.H. Ferry
℅ Fund for the Republic
1 East 54th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Ferry:

At the request of the National Administrative Committee of the American Veterans Committee, I am respectfully withdrawing the A.V.C. application for a grant from the Fund for the Republic for work on Military Personnel Security Cases. As you know, there have been some significant changes announced by the Department of Defense with reference to this whole problem. A.V.C. does have a Commission which is studying these announced changes.

Very frankly, our emphasis too in the organization has changed in recent months to a campaign to bring to the attention of Congress and the public the alarming amount of discrimination against the Negro veteran in the South. I am enclosing a copy of a report that I filed with the House Veterans Affairs Committee after my trip to the South. Since then there has been a combination of hostility, evasive half-answers and an almost incredulous display of surprised innocence both on the part of the Veterans Administration and certain members of Congress.

The inference has been made that we should bring specific examples of discrimination. Somehow that has given us a good idea. A wonderful job could be done in citing and enumerating specific examples of discrimination against the Negro veteran and the Government's obligation to him through the G.I. Bill of Rights.

A.V.C. would like to send a team of experts to the South to make this specific study. Very frankly, I have people in mind who would be well qualified to do this type of work. One is a social worker, and Executive Secretary of the Urban League in Atlanta Georgia. The other is a newspaper editor, editor of one of the largest Negro newspapers in the South. The third is a former employee of A.V.C. in our Veterans Service Office and knows the workings and understands the V.A. program.

If these three men could make a tour of the South for a one or two month period, I believe they would come up with a report that would be astounding. I should like to be able to discuss this with you soon and learn whether there would be a possibility of obtaining a modest grant in order to accomplish this specific project.

Sincerely,

Mickey Levine,
National Chairman

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The Fund for the Republic INC.

MEMORANDUM

To Harold Fleming

Date June 13, 1956

From Adam Yarmolinsky

Subject AVC Southern Proposal

Frank Loescher reports that you think Levine "has probably squeezed all he can out of the subject in the 10,000 word report." I understand you haven't seen the report, however, and I am sending it along for any further comments you may have after reading it.

Sorry to trouble you.

Enc. Levine Report

FOR RELEASE: Thursday, March 15, 1956

VET LEADER CHARGES NEGRO VETERAN IN SOUTH " HAS BEEN DENIED HIS RIGHTS AS AN EX-SERVICEMAN"

WASHINGTON, D.C. ——— The Negro veteran in the South "has been denied his rights as an American ex-serviceman", National Chairman of the American Veterans Committee (AVC) Mickey Levine charged today in a report on a tour he has just completed through five southern states.

"We are failing miserably the hundereds of thousands of Negro veterans in the South, mainly because of the attitude of those in the South who are able to contravene the purposes of the GI Bill of Rights and other veterans programs", Levine declared in a message to Congressman Olin E. Teague, Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

Levine called upon Teague to begin an "immediate and thorough study by Congress" of the problem of the Negro veteran in the South.

In a 2500 word report covering his study, Levine discussed the problems the Negro veterans in the South faced in securing housing, farm and business loans, on the job training, VA and veterans organizations service to Negro veterans, and other phases of the veterans program.

Levine urged that the House Veterans Affairs Commission "consider sending members to the South to hear from the Negro veterans". He also urged that heads of other veterans organizations should tour the South to see how poorly the Negro veteran is being treated.

Copies of his message to Congressman Teague and his report are attached.

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The Honorable Olin E. Teague, Chairman,
House Veterans' Affairs Committee,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chairman Teague:

I want to bring to your attention, as forcefully as I know how, a matter which is of major importance to all veterans — a matter which I sincerely believe calls for your serious consideration and the immediate and thorough study by the Congress.

I have just returned from a two week tour of five southern states, including the states of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, which the New York TIMES of Tuesday listed as "resisting." During this trip I gave special attention to the problems of the Negro veterans there.

The conditions which I found indicate that the Negro veteran has been denied his rights as an American serviceman. We are failing miserably the hundreds of thousands of Negro veterans in the South, mainly because of the attitude of those in the South who are able to contravene the purposes of the GI Bill of Rights and other veterans' programs. Men who were good enough to carry arms against our enemies are apparently not good enough to receive benefits which we have generously provided for the white veteran.

Millions of people in the South are affected. There are more than 9 million Negroes in the 11 principal southern states according to the New York TIMES report which I mentioned above. As you know, nationally the veterans and their dependents compose roughly 45 percent of the total population. If this same percentage holds among the Negro veterans in the South, it means that they and their dependents total roughly 4 million — 4 million persons who are suffering because of a failure of

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the veterans' programs to provide equally for them.

I have also recently toured many northern states and have found a minimum of this type of discrimination against Negro veterans.

This is in no way intended to indicate that I have secured a complete picture of the enormity of the problem facing the Negro veteran in the South and those dependent on him. Future trips are planned into these southern areas and it is hoped that the heads of other veterans organizations will similarly want to go there to see how poorly the Negro veteran is being treated.

I do state, most emphatically, that I believe the information, resulting from interviews with many Negro veteran leaders and others in these states, which I have brought back from my trip, warrants the immediate concern of the proper committees of the Congress. As Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, I appeal to you to call the Committee into session to consider this problem. If I may, I would strongly urge that the Committee consider sending members to the South to hear from the Negro veterans there. I, of course, stand ready to testify before the Committee at any time.

Attached to this letter is a report which I have prepared for you and the other members of the Congress pointing to a few of the facts uncovered on this trip. I am at your service to expand on this report in any manner which you see fit.

Hoping that I may receive an early reply from you that the House Veterans Affairs Committee will take immediate action on this vital weakness in the veterans' program, I am,

Most cordially,

/s/ Mickey Levine,
/t/ Mickey Levine,
National Chairman,
American Veterans Committee (AVC)

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REPORT ON NEGRO VETERANS IN THE SOUTH
Prepared by Mickey Levine, National Chairman,
American Veterans Committee (AVC),
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Washington 6, D. C.
March 15, 1956

This report covers a two week tour of five southern states where I was able to interview Negro veteran leaders in many towns and cities.

The tour began in Memphis, Tennessee. From there I travelled by automobile through Arkansas and down into Mississippi. In Mississippi I drove through the Delta area from Clarksdale to Greenville, then to Belzoni, to Winona, to Columbus, and on to the Alabama border.

In Alabama, I spent much of my time in the Montgomery area. From Montgomery I went to Atlanta, Georgia, as my next major area.

The interviews were arranged through Negro leaders in both the North and South with whom AVC has cooperated in many mutual programs.

This report is not intended as a comprehensive document on all the problems of Negro veterans, but cites examples of the kind of information I obtained under the various headings innumerated in the following pages. I believe most sincerely that these examples are not out of context for I found a great uniformity of opinion to substantiate each of them.

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HOUSING

According to a report available in the U. S. Census of 1950 on Residential Financing, Part I, Chapter 3, there are approximately 6 million mortgaged homes in the U. S. Of these, 14.7 percent are VA insured nationally. The same report shows that the percentage for the Negro veteran in the South is 4.2 percent. The figure for the white veteran in the South is 14.3 percent. The evidence which I obtained on my trip indicates that these figures are still valid.

In Mississippi there have been some VA home loans for Negro veterans, but the percentage in relation to white veterans is much more out of proportion than it is for the whole South. Most Negro veterans in Mississippi who have obtained housing loans under the GI Bill have been veterans of substance who would have been able to obtain commercial loans but were insistent enough to secure VA loans. In Washington and Sunflower counties in Mississippi, leaders interviewed stated that not more than 15 of the hundreds of Negro veterans in those counties had been able to obtain home loans.

In Alabama, I was told that some loans had been given to Negro veterans, but in each case securing the loans was difficult. In Montgomery, for example, an attempt was made to build a group of homes for Negro veterans under the GI Bill. The claim was made that the homes did not meet certain specifications. The VA would not guarantee the loans. Finally the houses were completed through FHA financing at a much greater cost to the veterans.

One of the most effective methods for the Negro veteran to make progress in the housing situation would be through the establishment of Negro savings and loan associations which would be willing to make loans to veterans. In Birmingham, Alabama, where the lending institutions now make conventional loans at 6 percent for 7-12 years to Negroes, efforts by Negroes to establish a Negro savings and loan association have been

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seriously hindered by the activities of the white savings and loan associations in Jefferson County. At this moment, there is a request before the Federal Home Loan Bank Board by Negroes in Birmingham for the right to establish a Negro association. Until such an association is established, the Negro veteran will continue to have his rights delayed in Birmingham.

A bright spot in this gloomy picture is the accomplishments in housing in Atlanta, where a splendid job of slum clearance has been done benefitting the Negro. However, even in Atlanta, which is atypical of the areas I toured, it is difficult for a Negro to get a VA loan. The conventional loan pays the banker up to 7 or 8 percent, and, in the first year, an additional service commission of from 3 to 5 percent. There is evidence that the Negro veteran is being forced to take these conventional, and extremely expressive interest rates, because of his inability to obtain the GI loans. Thus, in Atlanta, in the purchase of a $15,000 home, the white veteran is required to put down a 3 percent cash payment, under the GI Bill provisions, while the Negro, forced into the commercial market has to put down about $2,000, or 15 percent, for the same home.

One of the outstanding jobs done for the Negro in housing in the Atlanta was the erection, in 1950, of the High Point Apartments. This project is "dedicated to the sacredness of the individual and his family." Many Negro veterans live in this project, but it was not done through the benefits due him under the GI Bill. The project was made possible through the combined efforts of the FHA, the Atlanta Urban League, the Southern Regional Conference, and Atlanta philanthropist Morris Abrams.

ON THE JOB TRAINING

This has been one of the benefits most denied to the Negro veteran in the South. On-The-Job-Training is tied up with the whole problem of employment of the Negroes. There has been practically a conspiracy engaged in by both representatives of management and local labor to keep the Negro veteran from

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sequring technical positi[illegible] where he could take advantage [illegible] the on-the-job-training program.

In Greenville, Mississippi, the large Gypsum plant employs just two Negroes. The Greenville Mills of the Alexander Smith Co., a rug manufacturing company, which moved to the South from Yonkers, New York, was able to establish its plant there through the votes of Negroes. The town of Greenville voted a bond issue in order to put up the factory. The Negroes in the community were encouraged to vote in order to obtain the needed majority. The Negro vote was solicited on the basis that one half of the jobs in the new plant would go to them. At the present time, in the plant, barely 1/10 of the workers are Negroes.

In Alabama, Negro veteran leaders pointed out that it was almost impossible to obtain on-the-job-training since the owners of the factories will not permit Negroes in skilled or technical jobs. Veterans who were trained while in the armed services as electricians or skilled carpenters, pointed out to me that they were not able to get on-thejob-training in these professions, but had to take menial employment.

In spite of some gains in Atlanta, Negroes are kept off the production lines in the Ford and General Motors Plants at the insistence of local labor. Only janitorial work is available to Negro veterans at the Lockheed plant in Atlanta. In the large Cluett-Peabody shirt factory, Negro veterans are also forced in menial tasks. In practically all of these areas Negroes, including the Negro veterans, are forbidden to enter "white union halls."

At the present time, the city of Atlanta is constructing a 1000-bed hospital. The contractors permitted no skilled Negro laborers because of opposition from local mason unions. It was only when Robert Thompson, a member of the national executive board of the American Veterans Committee, interceded with the national union that some 35 Negroes, including several veterans, were hired on the project.

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FARM AND BUSINESS LOANS

In Mississippi, farm and business loans for Negro veterans under GI Bill are practically non-existent. This is the result of the attitude of local real estate dealers and bankers who refuse to extend credit to Negroes as "bad risks." It was stated over and over to me in many communities in Mississippi that the local white business leaders were adamant in refusing to grant loans for Negroes for businesses or farms.

Even affluent Negro veterans have been refused loans for the most irrelevant reasons. One Negro leader was turned down because he inadvertently "spoke to the wrong individual." The "wrong individual" approved the loan. The local banker was piqued and preempterly turned down the loan.

In the area of central Mississippi between Jackson and Greenwood, Negro leaders knew of just one Negro veteran, among the thousands in the area, who had received a business loan.

With the stir over integration and the rise of the Citizens Councils, local bankers, many of whom are members of the Citizens Councils, refuse to make farm or business loans to a Negro veteran who has signed an integration petition.

HOSPITALIZATION

Recently the American Veterans Committee completed its first Annual Veterans Audit. One of the subjects studied was the Negro veteran and veterans' hospitals. This report showed that the VA hospital facilities are becoming integrated.

However, there are still sore spots. In Mississippi a white veterans organization tried to get the Negro post of the district to state that it opposed integration on the grounds that integration would "emotionally upset" the Negro veterans who would be taken care of in the integrated wards.

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It was point[illegible] out to me in Montgomery, Alaba[illegible] that when a Negro applied to the proper authorities for admittance to a veterans' hospital every effort was made to divert him to Tuskegee, to which veterans' hospital few white veterans were sent. It made little difference if the Tuskegee hospital might be a great distance from the veterans home and thus inconvenient for his his family and friends to visit with him during his stay.

VETERANS PREFERENCE

I discussed veterans preference with the Negro leaders only in regards to Federal jobs.

In Mississippi, special job categories are designated for Negro veterans. For example, in one city the privilege of being a letter carrier is reserved for Negroes so that in this community this is the only job open to Negro veteran in which his veterans preference would benefit him. Many of those interviewed could not recall many other instances where the Negro veteran had a chance to use his preference to secure employment.

In the city of Montgomery, Alabama, no Negroes are employed as clerks, counsellors, or in any other technical positions at the VA offices. The only jobs open to them are as custodians. The same is generally true at the VA hospitals.

At Maxwell Army Air Base, in Montgomery, all Negro civilian applicants for work at the Base, including Negro veterans, start as an employee in the mess hall. Only a half-dozen Negroes are employed at Maxwell in what might be termed "skilled" positions. Negro veterans who applied for jobs at the Base were allowed to apply for any position they might feel they had the qualifications for, but I was told that while they waited to have their applications considered, white civilians who applied subsequently were placed in the jobs.

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EDUCATION

Of all of the GI Bill benefits, the Negro veteran has had greater freedom in taking advantage of the educational benefits than of any/the others provided.

Even in this field, however, the Negro veteran has had very serious problems when compared to the white veteran. Two examples were pointed out to me over and over during my tour.

Since white colleges and universities were closed to Negro veterans in the main, and Negro institutions of higher learning could not take care of all of the Negro veterans who sought benefits under the GI Bill, many of the Negroes who took educational benefits in the South limited themselves to completing high school and going to an occasional vocational training center.

Many of the Negro veterans who want training in colleges and universities are forced to go hundreds of miles to these institutions in northern states. This is not a major problem with single Negro veterans, but many married Negro veterans with children cannot afford to move their families for such long distances and thus are in a real way deprived of the educational benefits of the GI Bill.

GI INSURANCE

Most Negro veterans have dropped their GI insurance. In many cases this is because they cannot afford it. But I found a great deal of evidence that there was a failure, on the part of the veterans organizations and the others who should be advising them, to explain the value of this insurance. Many of the Negro veterans are apparently not even aware that they can continue this insurance when they return to civilian life.

SERVICE TO VETERANS

Nearly as soon as I reached Tennessee on my first stop on the tour I was told that one of the major problems the Negro veteran faces is the lack of information he is receiving as to his rights and privileges as a veteran.

One of the symptoms of this situation is the growth in Memphis, Tennessee of a new Negro veterans organization called "Veterans Benefits, Inc." organized to give the veterans the information and service they apparently are not receiving from the VA and from veterans organizations.

In speaking to Negro service officers in local Negro posts of some of the leading veterans organizations, I found that they are not receiving the material they need. I found that several did not even have copies of the most used VA regulations; several of them told me that they had never received any mail from the VA directly or through their national organizations. I was informed that in the cases they handle they try to explain the veterans problem as best they can in correspondence with the VA and then hope for a favorable reply. They universally report a low percentage of favorable responses although it is easy to see that this would be the case when one considers the handicaps under which they work.

The white posts of the veterans organizations do little or nothing to assist the Negro posts, either in getting them information or in processing claims. In larger communities there is often a service officer provided by one of the veterans organizations with the aid of the VA. Invariably he is a white veteran. I was told that the Negro veteran is often discouraged from coming in to present his claim to these officers.

In areas where there is a VA office accessible to Negro veterans, he can enter the office along with his fellow white veterans, but he usually must wait his turn until all of the whites have been served.

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SOUTH

With the exception of the American Veterans Committee, the veterans organizations are segregated in the South. Veterans conventions are segregated, with white veterans refusing to sit down at meetings with the Negro veterans.

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In Mississippi the white posts of the largest veterans organization are divided into geographic districts for convenience in carrying on regional activities. The Negro posts of the same organization, no matter what their geographic location in the state, are thrown into one district.

Sometimes Negro veterans are not even permitted to form even a segregated post if white veterans object. In one town, 32 Negro veterans had to travel more than 20 miles roundtrip to another town to conduct veterans' business because one white veteran refused to have a Negro post in his hometown.

Practically every Negro veteran I had the privilege of speaking to pointed out that they remembered well the orientation courses in the armed services dealing with the meaning of democracy and pointing to the American heritage in which "all men are created equal." When they were stationed in northern states or in foreign lands they had been treated as equals and as human beings. Then, upon discharge and return to their homes, many of them wearing the medals of heroes, they were suddenly supposed to resume the life of Jim Crow, even to their participation in veterans activities and their associations in veterans organizations composed of men they had been fighting alongside of in battle. They did not ask for special privileges but there was evidence that they are less and less going to be satisfied with playing the roles of "second-class citizens" in the community, and "second-class veterans" in the affairs of ex-servicemen.

VOTING

During their period of service in the armed forces most Negroes had and took the privilege of voting. The poll-tax and other deterents to voting were largely removed. The Negro veteran, however, is no better off in his right to vote, once his uniform is removed, than all of the Negro non-veterans.

The Negro veteran, because he has little chance for economic

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advancement, and in many cases is limited to a few dollars of hard cash each year, finds that even a small poll-tax is impossible to pay. The limited value of the educational provisions of the GI Bill to Negro veterans has been of little aid in helping them to passliteracy and other tests required in many areas for voting.

In one town in Mississippi, I was told by Negro veterans that when they were allowed to vote they had seen their ballot taken out of the ballot box so that it could be counted separately. In certain all-Negro towns, the results of the voting are not even carried in the newspapers. The vote of the Negro veteran is not accepted in the "white primaries" which veterans said were conducted in many areas.

VETERAN BURIALS

The discrimination against the Negro veteran carries on even to his death. I was told that on the death of Negro veteran, when his family wishes him to be buried in a Federal cemetery, the request is granted, but the body is laid to rest in a segregated section of the burial grounds.

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AVC Aid To Negro Vets In South Under Way

'Citizens First' View Is Endorsed By Bradley Report On Veterans

(See Editorial, Page 2 and Excerpts From Bradley Commission Report, Page 2)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Veterans with no service-connected disability, after readjustment, should be considered to be in the same category as citizens who are not veterans," is one of the many recommendations made in the Report to the President of the President's Commission on Veterans Pension, headed by General Omar Bradley.

The 415 page Bradley Report culminates the year of work by the Commission and is one of the most important documents ever prepared in the broad area of veterans' pensions.

AVC Acts At VAVS Session

WASHINGTON, D. C.—AVC representatives played an important part in the meeting just concluded in Washington of the National Advisory Committee of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service.

Wright Attends

Quentin Wright, of Rye, N. Y., AVC's member of the Advisory Committee, attended the Washington meeting which was held in connection with the 10th anniversary of the VAVS work. Kenneth M. Birkhead, AVC's national executive director and alternative VAVS member, attended the sessions with Wright, representing the national chairman Mickey Levine.

A highlight of the three-day

AVC Meets With Kefauver

AVC Committee to Interview American Statesmen members

'Project Service' First AVC Move InSouthProgram

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Project Service" has been instituted as the first of the major activities undertaken by AVC as a result of National Chairman Mickey Levine's 2,500-mile, five-state trip through the South, which brought his revelation that Negro veterans in the southern states are failing to receive their rights as American ex-servicemen.

As the first step of "Project Service," organized out of AVC National Headquarters in Washington, D. C., Veterans Administration publications and other up-to-date information on veterans benefits, how to apply for these benefits, and how to handle veterans service cases, are being distributed to Negro veterans leaders throughout the South. Levine found that the lack of this information was one of the great weaknesses faced by the southern Negro veterans.

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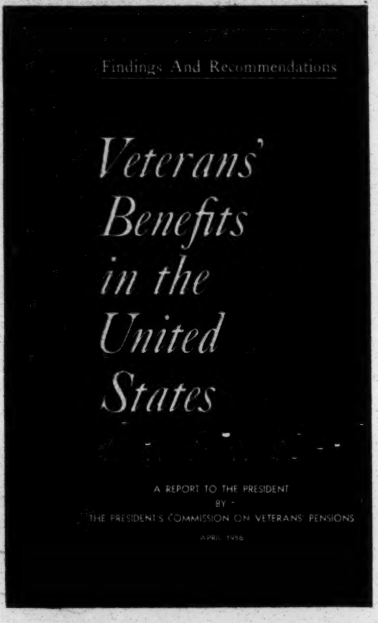
The 415 page Bradley Report culminates the year of work by the Commission and is one of the most important documents ever prepared in the broad area of veterans' pensions.



Findings And Recommendations

Veterans' Benefits in the United States

A REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT
BY
THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON VETERANS' PENSIONS
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ATTN: N.Y.-N.J. AVC AND FRIENDS

NEW YORK, N. Y.—May 24, Madison Square Garden, 8:00 p.m. is the date, place and time of a mass Civil Rights Rally, being co-sponsored by the American Veterans Committee.

Chairman of the Rally will be AFL-CIO Vice President and head of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters A. Philip Randolph. National leaders from all walks of life will appear on the program.

Admission will be free. All AVCers and their friends from the New York area are urged to attend.

AVC Acts At VAVS Session

WASHINGTON, D. C.—AVC representatives played an important part in the meeting just concluded in Washington of the National Advisory Committee of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service.

Wright Attends

Quentin Wright, of Rye, N. Y., AVC's member of the Advisory Committee, attended the Washington meeting which was held in connection with the 10th anniversary of the VAVS work. Kenneth M. Birkhead, AVC's national executive director and alternative VAVS member, attended the sessions with Wright, representing the national chairman Mickey Levine.

A highlight of the three-day meeting was the celebration held on Monday evening, April 16. Wright and Birkhead were introduced to the several hundred guests who had gathered to hear speeches by Vice President Richard M. Nixon, VA Administrator Harvey V. Higley, and other national leaders.

Panel Participants

During the course of the conference, Wright participated as a member of the panel working on the participation of voluntary organizations in planning the discharge of patients from VA hospitals. Birkhead was a member of the panel studying the participation of specialized groups in the VAVS.

Hartford Chapter Asks Full Rights

HARTFORD, CONN.—AVC here has taken a prominent role in the defense of the civil liberties of local social worker Verne Weed who was suspended from her position as director of Children's Services of Connecticut after being accused of communist sympathies. The Hartford AVC Chapter has been the only organization besides the local Social Service Workers unit to urge full protection of Miss Weed's constitutional rights.

Ted Cummings, Chairman of the AVC Hartford Chapter, cautioned the trustees to avoid violation of Miss Weed's civil liberties. He further expressed the AVC position that there was a danger to civil liberties if Miss Weed was dropped from her job on the basis of a mere allegation of communist activities.

Aid For Bus Strike

BROCKTON, MASS.—A contribution to the defense fund of a leader in the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott has been voted by the Brockton AVC Chapter, chapter chairman, Harris Ullian, has announced.

AVC Meets With Kefauver

AVC Committee to Interview American Statesmen members Howard Horton (left) and Shanley Egeth (right) are greeted by Senator Estes Kefauver in his office at the Capitol in Washington, D. C., as they arrive to conduct one of the series of interviews with leading Americans on vital issues of the day.

Kefauver Interview

The interview of AVC's Committee to Interview American Statesmen with Senator Estes Kefauver appears on Page 4 of this issue of the BULLETIN.

Last month's BULLETIN also promised that this issue would report the interview with Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts. Illness forced the Governor to cancel his original date for the interview. The meeting will be held later and the interview will appear in an early issue of the BULLETIN.

NJ Unit Defends Hiss Appearance

PRINCETON, N. J.—The New Jersey State Council of AVC has come to the defense of the Princeton student debating team's invitation to Alger Hiss to speak before it on constitutional and legal grounds.

Admitting that the American Whig-Cliosphic Society could have chosen a more popular or qualified speaker, New Jersey AVC stated that "it's about time we started paying attention to the provisions of the Bill of Rights." The State Council pointed out that Hiss paid his debt to society by serving his time in jail for perjury and should now have the right to speak.

Self-Appointed Groups

Irving Gamow, New Jersey State Chairman charged that since the days of McCarthy's reign of Terror, "portions of the strong framework of our Constitution have been chipped away" and "self-appointed groups decide what should be read, what should be seen and what should be heard."

MarshallTalk To Highlight May Banquet

CHICAGO, Ill.—Mr. Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel of the NAACP and the one who argued the school segregation cases before the Supreme Court, will be the honored guest and principal speaker at the AVC banquet to be held Saturday night, May 26, in Chicago.

Thurgood Marshall

Mr. Marshall's address will be the highlight of the week-end activities held in connection with a meeting of AVC's National Planning Committee in Chicago. The banquet and NPC meetings will be held in the Windy City's La Salle Hotel.

Chicago AVCers Robert S. Hunt, Robert Ming, Bernie Cogan and Mike Brahms have spearheaded program arrangements.

All midwest AVCers are invited to attend the Chicago function and tickets for the banquet and other arrangements are being handled by Roland Johnston, who may be contacted at 141 West Jackson, Chicago, Ill.

'Project Service' First AVC Move InSouthProgram

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Project Service" has been instituted as the first of the major activities undertaken by AVC as a result of National Chairman Mickey Levine's 2,500-mile, five-state trip through the South, which brought his revelation that Negro veterans in the southern states are failing to receive their rights as American ex-servicemen.

As the first step of "Project Service," organized out of AVC National Headquarters in Washington, D. C., Veterans Administration publications and other up-to-date information on veterans benefits, how to apply for these benefits, and how to handle veterans service cases, are being distributed to Negro veterans leaders throughout the South. Levine found that the lack of this information was one of the great weaknesses faced by the southern Negro veterans.

AVC Aid To Savings Group

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. — The announcement this week that the Federal Home Loan Bank had approved the organization of a new Federal savings and loan association in Birmingham, culminated an effort by Negroes in that community which had strong AVC support.

Robert A. Thompson, AVC NPC member of Atlanta, Georgia, was a leader in the activity to secure Federal approval for this association. AVC Executive Director Kenneth M. Birkhead was active in Washington, D. C., meeting with Congressional members and with government officials in behalf of the association.

The success of this venture will have important results in Alabama, for AVC Chairman Mickey Levine found that one of the major problems faced by Negro vets in the South in securing home loans arose from the fact that white savings and loan associations would not accept Negro vets seeking GI loans.

(See Forum 'n Agin 'em, Page 2)

The second step in the "Project" will be consultation and advice with the Negro leaders in processing claims and securing aid for Negro veterans seeking benefits under the GI Bill and other veterans programs.

Congress

The nationwide publicity given to Levine's report has already brought many requests to National Headquarters for aid from Negro veterans in many of the southern areas.

No official public action has resulted at the time of BULLETIN publication from Levine's message to the House

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Again may I thank you and assure you that you have done a great service for the Negroes in Birmingham, Alabama, and the entire state.

A. G. Gaston

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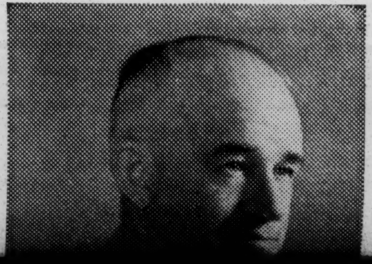

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This is not to say that AVC endorses every finding or recommendation made by the Bradley Commission.

Minority Groups

Already a question can be raised about the Commission's findings on the question of how well minority groups have benefitted from the various veterans programs. The report of AVC's National Chairman following his 2,500 mile trip through the South raises very real questions in this area.

Something of a surprise occurs in Chapter 12 of the Report which deals with the eligibility for benefits of veterans having other than an honorable discharge.

Regarding discharges the Commission makes this finding: "The procedures followed by the services in connection with the issuance of such discharges appear to be fair and have been designed to prevent injustices." This finding of the Commission hardly fits with findings in the study of the Military Security Program made by Rowland Watts which AVC joined in presenting to the Secretary of the Army.

These comments and possible criticism of the Commission's work, however, should not detract from the fact that the Report is a magnificent contribution in bringing realism and sanity to the whole program of veterans benefits and pensions.

One comment heard in Washington this week was that the Bradley Commission had issued an "AVC report." Such a comment does high honor to AVC, and, if putting the needs and abilities of the nation above the demands of the professional veterans means that it is an "AVC report" then there is a real measure of truth to the comment. In the words of the Bradley Commission Report:

"Our objective throughout should be to promote not only what is best for the veteran but also what best serves the interest of the nation. What best serves the nation in the long run will be in best interests of the veterans."

Kutcher Wins a Round

The second round in the fight of legless veteran James Kutcher to achieve his full rights occurred last week when the U. S. Court of Appeals ruled that he had been improperly discharged from his job with the Veterans Administration for his membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

This victory is greeted by AVC with real pleasure for AVC alone of veterans organizations has stood with Kutcher throughout the years of his struggle for his rights. However, a warning is in order. As veterans we should not have forgotten that victory does not come from winning two rounds of a fight. The decision did not order his job reinstatement and there is nothing to keep the VA from making new charges against him.

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VA View Disputed

(In the last issue of the BULLETIN, we presented the Veterans Administration view on conversion of short term GI insurance to permanent plans. Numerous letters replying to this view have since come into the Editor and since space doesn't permit us to print all of them, we are printing the following letter as representative of the ones received.)

I was somewhat surprised to see AVC shilling for the private life insurance company theory of insurance. Of course, they are against renewable term insurance and are using the VA to promote this theory for their own benefit. AVC should not support this idea.

Life insurance costs the same no matter how its premiums are paid. If you take renewable term you buy simple insurance at close to its cost especially where the government pays the overhead. True, with level premium insurance an amount in excess of the actual cost of insurance is collected. Interest is allowed thereon against premiums and one may borrow against this excess premium by paying interest on the loan.

The real question . . . is what happens to this excess on death? It goes to the insurance company and not to the deceased's beneficiaries. That is one of the ways in which insurance companies have accumulated such large assets. If you put the excess in a savings bank the interest thereon will be as great or greater than the insurance company allows and when you die the savings account goes to those close to you. It is as simple as all that. Term insurance is the only true insurance sold. The rest is pure gagetry.

Arthur P. McNulty
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General Bradley

War service in the Armed Forces imposes many special handicaps on those who serve. War sacrifices should be distributed as equally as possible within our society. This is the basic function of our veterans' programs.

The Government's obligation is to help veterans overcome special, significant handicaps incurred as a consequence of their military service. **The objective should be to return veterans as nearly as possible to the status they would have achieved had they not been in military service.**

Within the veterans' programs emphasis should be placed on those programs which take care of the needs arising directly out of military service. Particular emphasis should be placed on rehabilitating the service-disabled and maintaining them and their survivors in circumstances as favorable as those of the rest of the people . . .

Veterans have many other needs not connected with military service, which continue after they are through with readjustment—needs that are more or less common to all people. . . .

In the last two decades our country has developed important programs for the economic security of all the people. Gradually these programs are assuming the burden of filling the general needs which special veterans' non-service-connected pension programs filled in the past . . .

Under our present social system we accept a responsibility to provide economic assistance for needy citizens who are disabled and unemployable.

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4. The basic needs of all citizens, veterans and nonveterans alike, for economic security are being increasingly met through general Federal, State, and private programs.
5. Veterans today are better off economically than nonveterans in similar age groups.
6. The United States today has the most liberal and comprehensive veterans' benefit programs in the world.

GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE

Survey data show that the overwhelming proportion of veterans believe that non-service-connected benefits should not be generally provided. . . .

There is, at present, no clear national philosophy of veterans' benefits. This Commission has endeavored to develop a philosophy and guiding principles, on the basis of which our national obligation to veterans can be discharged generously. These principles, which are discussed in chapter V of the report, may be summarized as follows:

. . . The performance of the duties of citizenship cannot be expected to be painless or free from sacrifice. Military service, in particular, may require sacrifice on the part of those who serve. This does not mean that it must be rendered without fair pay or redress for major handicaps or for injuries. However, it cannot justifiably be contended that all sacrifices, however small and transient, by those in the Nation's military service should establish entitlement to monetary claim and special privileges. . . .

Readjustment benefits to help newly discharged wartime veterans overcome service handicaps have proved their worth when these programs have been properly devised and used.

Capitol Hill

by Andrew E. Rice
AVC Legislative Counsel

AVC HAS BEEN bursting into print all over Congress lately. With an eye cocked perhaps to the forthcoming Bradley report, AVCer Senator Paul Douglas last month inserted in the Congressional Record the entire AVC Veterans Affairs Platform adopted at the last national convention. Other legislators seemed also to like AVC's ideas. Congressmen Adam Clayton Powell had printed in the Record the AVC statement favoring an anti-segregation amendment to the aid-to-school-construction bill, while Congressmen Irwin D. Davidson and Abraham Multer brought to their colleagues' attention the "excellent and enlightening article on the threat of Communist infiltration in the Arab States" prepared by the AVC International Affairs Commission.

THE DEBATE ON reforming the archaic electoral college is over for this election year, but November's results—whatever they are—will undoubtedly again focus public attention on ways to modernize our methods of choosing a president. Although put forward too late for active consideration this year, 1957 may well see careful thought being given to a compromise proposal developed by AVCer Ralph Goldman and already endorsed by Senator Hubert Humphrey. Goldman, a Brookings Institute political scientist and staunch AVC member, has proposed that the total number of electoral votes—531—remain unchanged and that the federal

AVC Pamphlet In Great Demand

The pamphlet "WHEN IS AN ARAB STATE A SOVIET SATELLITE" is becoming one of the most popular publications ever issued by AVC. Already, in its second printing, nearly 35,000 copies have been distributed throughout the nation.

Requests for copies continue to pour into national headquarters. Two members of Congress have inserted it in the Congressional Record. It has been the subject of editorial and news comment in the nation's press.

Anyone desiring copies should contact AVC National Headquarters as soon as possible since the remaining supply of the second printing will soon be exhausted.

DC Case Ruling Rights Victory

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Another milestone in the fight for civil rights in the Nation's capital was achieved this month under the leadership of AVC. The Municipal Court of Appeals in a decision on April 3rd, affirmed the conviction of the operators of a local bowling alley for refusing Negro customers.

The ruling of the Municipal Court of Appeals besides upholding the conviction of the operators of the bowling alley, also upheld the application of the long-unused non-discrimination law. AVC was the only group to file an amicus curiae brief in the case. In writing its decision, the majority of the Court cited many of the reasons and points presented in the AVC brief.

100 Per Cent List Expands

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An unofficial national contest appears to be spontaneously developing throughout the nation as AVC chapters vie with each other to gain 100% renewals in membership.

The final date for receiving awards under the incentive plan passes as this issue of the BULLETIN goes to press. The membership section at National Headquarters is still in the process of recording last minute renewals, but reports that already 13 chapters have passed the 100% mark, and late receipts of dues will undoubtedly raise this figure considerably higher.

Still leading the nation as top chapter in renewals is the Laurelton-Rosedale Chapter on Long Island, New York. Already Laurelton-Rosedale has gone nearly 20% past its last year total.

The other Chapters to reach the 100% mark are:

New Rochelle, N. Y.
North Side-Bert Roller,
    Chicago, Ill.
Montgomery County, Md.
Ernie Pyle, Boston, Mass.
Delaware Valley, Pa.
Essex County, N. J.
Van Courtlandt, Bronx, N. Y.
Sylvan Frucht, Bronx, N. Y.
Springfield, Mass.
Mount Vernon, N. Y.
San Francisco, Calif.
St. Paul, Minn.

AVC At Conclave On Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Over 200 leaders from 75 national organizations, including AVC, met here this month in a one-day "Forward Look" Conference to discuss the present status and future prospects of this country's technical and economic development pro-

AVC Chapter Activity Around The Country

Laurelton-Rosedale Awards

LAURELTON, L. I., N. Y.—Former Yankee baseball great George Stirnweiss (right), presents the yearly awards for the bowling league sponsored by the Laurelton-Rosedale Chapter of AVC, Laurelton, Rosedale, L. I., N. Y. The others in the picture are left to right: Zack Kozak, Laurelton-Rosedale Sports Committee Chairman; Arthur Schultz, of Springfield Gardens, L. I., N. Y., who won the high scorer trophy; Frank Fernandez, Laurelton-Rosedale Sports Committee Co-Chairman; and Marty Gitten, of Laurelton, who won the Sportsmanship Award.

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AVC HAS BEEN bursting into print all over Congress lately. With an eye cocked perhaps to the forthcoming Bradley report, AVCer Senator Paul Douglas last month inserted in the Congressional Record the entire AVC Veterans Affairs Platform adopted at the last national convention. Other legislators seemed also to like AVC's ideas. Congressmen Adam Clayton Powell had printed in the Record the AVC statement favoring an anti-segregation amendment to the aid-to-school-construction bill, while Congressmen Irwin D. Davidson and Abraham Multer brought to their colleagues' attention the "excellent and enlightening article on the threat of Communist infiltration in the Arab States" prepared by the AVC International Affairs Commission.

THE DEBATE ON reforming the archaic electoral college is over for this election year, but November's results—whatever they are—will undoubtedly again focus public attention on ways to modernize our methods of choosing a president. Although put forward too late for active consideration this year, 1957 may well see careful thought being given to a compromise proposal developed by AVCer Ralph Goldman and already endorsed by Senator Hubert Humphrey. Goldman, a Brookings Institute political scientist and staunch AVC member, has proposed that the total number of electoral votes—531—remain unchanged and that the federal principle be maintained by assigning two votes to the winning party in each state. The other 435 votes would be divided up, state by state, according to each state's percentage of the total popular vote, and then divided up within each state by Party. One immediate result: states with low voter participation would have much less say in deciding the outcome.

Two veteran AVCers in the House of Representatives, Jimmy Roosevelt of Los Angeles and Sid Yates of Chicago, each distinguished themselves lately. Roosevelt, although just a freshman member, is taking the lead in the most coordinated effort of recent years to get some civil rights legislation through the House. The outlook now is for a one-week concentrated drive to secure signatures on a discharge petition which would force the legislation to a vote. AVC, of course, will be one of the organizations which will be pounding the halls of Congress to round up the signatures. Yates is acquiring fame in another way: he is rapidly becoming recognized as the most informed and most concerned Congressman on the problems of old age. Little noted, but likely to be long remembered, was his speech of March 15 which eloquently set forth the problems of the older person in mid-20th Century America.

Indritz Gets Award

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Phineas Indritz, AVC Special Counsel, was honored this month for his contributions to better human relations in the community during the past year.

The AVC leader was one of ten named to the 1956 AFRO honor roll by the Washington Afro-American Newspaper for his championship of civil rights and civil liberties. He was cited for his work as chief counsel of AVC in his efforts to eliminate racial discrimination in the Nation's Capital.

ular publications ever issued by AVC. Already, in its second printing, nearly 35,000 copies have been distributed throughout the nation.

Requests for copies continue to pour into national headquarters. Two members of Congress have inserted it in the Congressional Record. It has been the subject of editorial and news comment in the nation's press.

Anyone desiring copies should contact AVC National Headquarters as soon as possible since the remaining supply of the second printing will soon be exhausted.

DC Case Ruling Rights Victory

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Another milestone in the fight for civil rights in the Nation's capital was achieved this month under the leadership of AVC. The Municipal Court of Appeals in a decision on April 3rd, affirmed the conviction of the operators of a local bowling alley for refusing Negro customers.

The ruling of the Municipal Court of Appeals besides upholding the conviction of the operators of the bowling alley, also upheld the application of the long-unused non-discrimination law. AVC was the only group to file an amicus curiae brief in the case. In writing its decision, the majority of the Court cited many of the reasons and points presented in the AVC brief.

Negro Vets

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Veterans Affairs Committee presenting them the results of his trip and requesting that they institute an investigation of the conditions in the South. Unofficially, it is reported that the Committee has been giving study to Levine's report which may lead to action.

Meet With VA

Plans are underway to arrange a meeting between Levine and officials of the Veterans Administration. In this meeting, AVC's Chairman will bring to the attention of the VA some of the charges against veterans programs which were reported on his trip.

The Afro-American chain of newspapers have carried a major feature story of an interview by one of their correspondents with officials of the VA regarding Levine's report. "The VA had no specific answer to any of these charges," was the reply by one VA official to the questions raised by the Afro reporter.

An official of the VA information service stated that he did not know whether the central VA office had made any special check with the regional VA office to determine whether colored veterans were getting equal benefits as guaranteed by law, according to the article.

Another VA spokesman said that the VA had a difficult time answering some of the charges in the Levine report because no records were kept by the VA listing the race of veterans.

New Chapters

The tremendous amount of publicity given to the Levine report in the southern states has brought increased AVC activity in many areas. Already a charter has been granted for a new AVC Chapter in Louisiana. North Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia may be the sites of other AVC chapter charters in the near future.

NAC to Act

AVC's National Administrative Committee will devote a major part of its agenda at its May 4 meeting in New York City to laying additional plans for AVC's work in the South. It is expected at that time that several new positive approaches to dealing with the plight of the southern Negro ex-serviceman will be plotted.

pears to be spontaneously developing throughout the nation as AVC chapters vie with each other to gain 100% renewals in membership.

The final date for receiving awards under the incentive plan passes as this issue of the BULLETIN goes to press. The membership section at National Headquarters is still in the process of recording last minute renewals, but reports that already 13 chapters have passed the 100% mark, and late receipts of dues will undoubtedly raise this figure considerably higher.

Still leading the nation as top chapter in renewals is the Laurelton-Rosedale Chapter on Long Island, New York. Already Laurelton-Rosedale has gone nearly 20% past its last year total.

The other Chapters to reach the 100% mark are:

New Rochelle, N. Y.
North Side-Bert Roller, Chicago, Ill.
Montgomery County, Md.
Ernie Pyle, Boston, Mass.
Delaware Valley, Pa.
Essex County, N. J.
Van Courtlandt, Bronx, N. Y.
Sylvan Frucht, Bronx, N. Y.
Springfield, Mass.
Mount Vernon, N. Y.
San Francisco, Calif.
St. Paul, Minn.

AVC At Conclave On Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Over 200 leaders from 75 national organizations, including AVC, met here this month in a one-day "Forward Look" Conference to discuss the present status and future prospects of this country's technical and economic development programs.

Sponsored by the Point Four Information Service of which AVC is an active participant, "The Forward Look Conference" heard government administrators, congressional leaders, and experts in the foreign aid field discuss the foreign aid program.

AVC leaders Andrew E. Rice, Robert Nathan and Robert Barrie played prominent roles during the conference.

John K. Shamsey

John K. Shamsey, long time AVCer and member of the North Hudson New Jersey Chapter passed away this month at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. His home was in Hillsdale, N. J.

A graduate of New York University, he did his law work at Fordham University and received his law degree there. Following the practice of law in Union City, N. J., he became a labor relations expert with the Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation. He played an important part in developing Union Carbide's work in atomic energy.

In addition to his active interest in AVC he participated in many local and national organizations including the Naval Reserve, the New Jersey Bar Association, the Boy Scouts, and the North Hudson Exchange Club.

A loyal New Jersey AVCer has been removed from the ranks.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Peterson Shamsey and a son, Robert.

Laurelton-Rosedale Awards

LAURELTON, L. I., N. Y.—Former Yankee baseball great George Stirnweiss (right), presents the yearly awards for the bowling league sponsored by the Laurelton-Rosedale Chapter of AVC, Laurelton, Rosedale, L. I., N. Y. The others in the picture are left to right: Zack Kozak, Laurelton-Rosedale Sports Committee Chairman; Arthur Schultz, of Springfield Gardens, L. I., N. Y., who won the high scorer trophy; Frank Fernandez, Laurelton-Rosedale Sports Committee Co-Chairman; and Marty Gitten, of Laurelton, who won the Sportsmanship Award.

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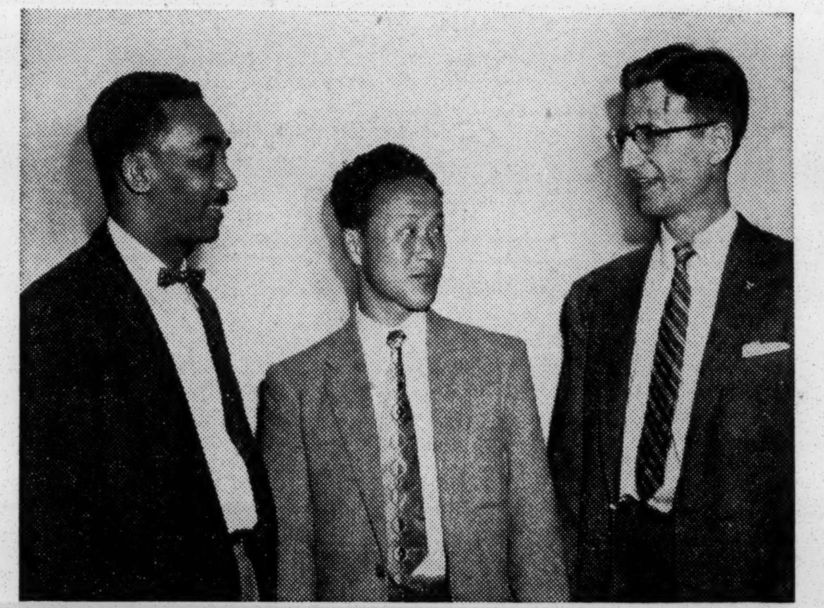
Cleveland Sponsors Korean Vet



Another Korean veteran arrives in this country to study under the sponsorship of AVC's Freedom Chapter in Cleveland. Byong Chan Choi (center) is being greeted above by AVC sponsors Fred Husa (right) chairman of the Freedom Chapter and Bertram E. Gardner (left). Julien C. Renswick and Sanford Silverman (not shown) are also AVC sponsors of Byong and will act as "big brothers" during his studies of business administration at Fenn College in Cleveland. Byong was seriously injured during one of the bitterest battles of the Korean War, Heartbreak Ridge. The AVC chapter in Cleveland hearing of his great desire to study here, worked over a year to make the Korean veteran's dream come true. Craig Seahsoles, also a member of the chapter, has already sponsored three young Koreans to study in Cleveland.

Interview With Senator Kefauver

VETERANS BENEFITS: a. Do you think the government should provide hospital care to veterans with non-service connected disabilities If so, under what conditions?

b. Certain veterans organizations have proposed general service pensions which would make veterans 65 years and older automatically eligible for a pension (if their income is less than $1,800 for single persons and $3,000 for person with dependents) and would also presume that they are permanently and totally disabled and unemployable. How do you feel about such proposals?

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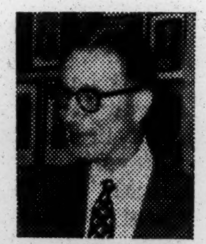
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Regarding proposals—More pay, more benefits, educational benefits, and the service should be made more attractive.

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Bonus and Pensions

AVC stated its opposition to the bonus and general pensions.

The Commission declared: " . . . The Readjustment Act (GI Bill) approach proved more effective than would have any system of uniform monetary payments to all veterans."

AVC raised a very serious question whether 100% disabilities were being compensated in accordance with needs.

The Commission found that the compensation for all disabilities, except for 100% disability, brought income to the veteran which put him on a par economically with all veterans, including non-disabled.

Cost of Living

A major AVC recommendation called for gearing veterans benefits to the national cost of living.

The Commission recommended: "The rates for service-connected disability compensation should be geared to the prevailing average national earnings by some representative group of workers."

AVC Congressman Honored

Fort Myer, Va.—While the U. S. Army Band played and Air Force helicopters hovered, AVC member (and Congressman) Henry S. Reuss was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal at ceremonies at Fort Myer, near Washington, D. C., on April 18. Shown above with Secretary of the Army Wilbur M. Brucker (left), the Milwaukee Congressman was honored for his actions in connection with the Rhine crossing in May 1945. Reuss has been a member of AVC's Milwaukee Post-Zeidler Chapter since its inception.

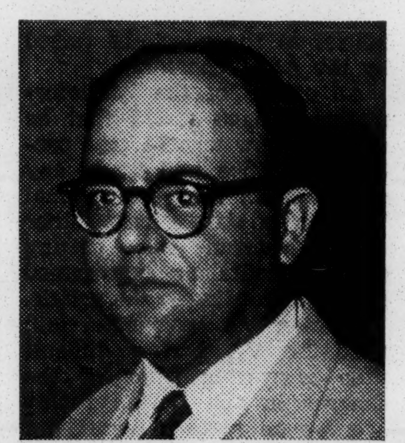
NPC Member

Labor Leader From Massachusetts

A Massachusetts labor leader, JULIUS BERNSTEIN, is serving his first term this year on AVC's top executive body. Although new to the NPC, Julie is a veteran in the ranks of AVC leadership. Besides holding numerous offices in the Ernie Pyle Chapter in Boston, Julie has served as Administrative Vice Chairman of Mass., and Massachusetts State Chairman.

Hailing from New York originally, the New England AVC leader studied journalism at Boston University. The NPC officer admits his first love was the labor movement and he is currently the Executive Secretary of the Labor Committee to Combat Intolerance which is the human relations agency, jointly, of the Mass. Federation of Labor and the Mass. State CIO. He is also Regional Director of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Julie tells us that he has not lost the idealism of earlier years and considers himself still a follower of Norman Thomas. During World War II, he remained as unprofessional a soldier as he is today an "unprofessional veteran" and never rose above role of non-com in the Army's Medical Department.



Under his leadership in Massachusetts, AVC has taken an increasingly active part in education, intergroup relations and civil rights affairs in the state. In his position as labor leader and AVC officer, Julie organized the Greater Boston Rally for Civil Rights recently with the active help of Boston AVC.

The Massachusetts AVC leader is married, 36-years-old, and has two boys, ages 15 and 13. Julie was at one time a member of the National Board of Directors of the Workmen's Circle, a Jewish labor fraternal organization.

Must Reading

The Price Of Peace

A PLAN FOR DISARMAMENT

by

CHARLES G. BOLTE

BEACON PRESS

108 Pages, $2.50

June 29, 1956

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

I've given some heavy thought to your question about Levine's report possibly disqualifying AVC from doing a veterans' study. I don't think so, if the right kind of study is planned and carried out, and if the right kind of personnel are secured for it. It seems to me that careful and balanced findings would carry their own weight. Moreover any group that is likely to undertake such a study would probably have taken strong stands on racial questions and would be subject to impeachment for bias. In short, I think the quality of the study and its findings, rather than sponsorship are the major questions.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Adam:

Here is a lengthy analysis of the findings of SRC's ill-fated study of unequal penalties conducted several years ago. Perhaps this will be enough to give you an idea of what is available as a basis for further work in this field. Incidentally, the principle work on this analysis was done by staff of the American Jewish Committee. Somewhere along the line, you might want to discuss this whole idea with Ed Lukas.

For my money (if any) something effective ought to be done in this field through the law schools, and you are just the man to figure out what. Keep me posted.

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December 7, 1956

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The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
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Dear Adam:

Thanks for speaking to Phil Graham about the Atlanta station. You found out what we needed to know for now.

Thanks too for marking me in on the correspondence re John Frank's proposal. I would be interested in Phil Coombs' reply. As I understand the possible project by the FAE, it would be focused on any experience in the border and Southern states rather than on the communities which were studied for *Schools in Transition*.

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Mr. Philip Coombs, Secretary
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New York 21, New York

Dear Phil:

Dave Freeman has told me about Harold Fleming's talks with you on the possibility of an over-all survey of progress in school desegregation since Harry Ashmore wrote his book. In this connection I thought you might be interested in the enclosed letter from John Frank, a very able and public spirited lawyer in Phoenix, Arizona, suggesting a study of school desegregation there. If your plans become definite and an editor is selected, you may want to put him in touch with Frank, or vice versa. You will note that I have not mentioned your interest, or Fleming's in my reply.

Sincerely yours,

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Adam Yarmolinsky
Secretary

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November 29, 1956

John P. Frank, Esq.
Lewis, Roca, Scoville & Beauchamp
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Phoenix, Arizona

Dear John:

Your suggestion for a study of the desegregation of the Phoenix school system seems to me worth pursuing. I should like to hold it for a while, however, because there are some plans afoot for an over-all study of progress in school desegregation, updating Harry Ashmore's The Negro and the Schools, and the Phoenix Study might become part of the larger project, if it develops. In that event, I don't see why Mr. Davis might not have a hand in it, assuming he would be available.

I shall let you know when I know more.

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Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

When you were here we spoke of the possibility that there might be a worthwhile project to be developed in this area concerning the integration of the Negro, Mexican and White communities. This is essentially a southern state. It has had a great influx of new population in recent years, but a large portion of it has come from Texas and Oklahoma though I have no exact figures on state of origin.

A few years ago the school system of this city was completely segregated. Now, within the limits of geographical housing habits, it is unsegregated. There has been very little ostentation; on the whole the job has simply been done.

The question then arises as to whether the quiet progrss of desegregation in this area is worth study as a possible basis either of comparison or example for other areas, and whether it may also be worth study because in some respects the degree of progress may be less than might have been hoped for.

I reviewed the matter after you left with three persons, representing three very different points of view, and I am now prepared to pass on their impressions:

1. The first is Mr. Lew Davis, a resident of the State for substantially his whole life, who during the War was attached to the camp at Fort Huachuca. This was one of the largest Negro bases in the country, and Mr. Davis was given the duty of managing the race relations aspects of the operations of the camp, and promoting its successful acceptance by the Arizona community. Mr. Davis was singularly successful in this enterprise, and I have no doubt but that the successful operation of that camp contributed to the general progress of the State. He is extremely well informed on this subject. He

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is no zealot, but simply a civilized fellow with no prejudices and a substantial amount of good will.

In Mr. Davis's opinion, there is a good deal of a worthwhile sort to be learned from such a study as that suggested.

2. The second is Mr. Frederic Marquardt, the chief editorial man for the Arizona Republic. The Republic is a conservative paper, and Mr. Marquardt very effectively presents its point of view. He is inclined to be very critical of the Fund for the Republic. Mr. Marquardt also believes that a study of the sort suggested would be valuable, that much might be learned of a useful sort, and that it might also serve as a contribution to community relations.

3. The third person of whom I spoke is Mr. Carl Sims, a Negro member of the State Legislature. Mr. Sims feels that substantial progress has been made in this community. He also believes that it is worth examination both for its interest in other areas and for its interest here.

In view of the preliminary status of this matter, I shall abstain from making any concrete recommendation for carrying through such a project. However, let me say generally for this stage if Mr. Davis could be induced to take a hand in it I think this would be very productive.

Yours very truly,

John P. Frank

JPF/jm

cc-Mr. Lew Davis
Mr. Frederic Marquardt
Mr. Carl Sims

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Telephone: MUrray Hill 2-1250

The Fund for the Republic INC.

60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York

November 29, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Phil Graham says their interest in the Atlanta station is only contingent and they don't expect to hear from the FCC until April. When they do, and if the decision is favorable, he will be glad to talk with you any time.

One of us will presumably see this in the newspapers next Spring and I will remind him.

Yours,

Adam Yarmolinsky
Secretary

P. S.: Thank you for the material on unequal penalties.
I will be writing you further about it.

December 12, 1956

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Adam:

This is in regard to matters of mutual interest.

First I should tell you that John Bartlow Martin duly showed up here and spent several days picking our brains and our files. I think the results were very helpful to him, in any case, he revised his whole tentative plan for the series and continues to check in with me as he proceeds from one stage to another. He is building the series around the resistance movement - how it grew, how it works, and what it means. I have high hopes for the effect of his series, and I'm grateful to you for steering him my way.

Secondly, Frank Loescher passed on to me your notion that opinion leaders in the South might do well to read a Negro newspaper like the Norfolk Journal and Guide. This is a fine idea, its usefulness depending heavily of course on the selection of the opinion leaders. We would be glad to help in that way or any other, but I would be reluctant to request a special grant for this limited purpose. Perhaps we could provide for the cost of this project in such application as we may later make to the Fund for major assistance. In any case, the idea is one that we will keep alive if it isn't done through some other instrument.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
CC: Mr. Frank C. Loescher

January 15, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

Thanks for your letters regarding unequal penalties. Your decision to shelve the matter is a wise one, I am sure, and I feel no stirrings of disagreement.

I am sorry I didn't get a chance to talk with you again by phone the other Friday in Washington. I had a pleasant afternoon's Conference but learned little of momentous interest.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

Telephone: MUrray Hill 2-1250

The Fund for the Republic INC.

60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York

January 9, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Further to my letter of the 8th, talks with Frank Loescher and Ed Lukas confirm my view that unequal penalties belong on the back burner. I shall leave them there unless, and until, I hear from you further on the subject.

Yours,

Adam Yarmolinsky

Telephone: MUrray Hill 2-1250

The Fund for the Republic INC.

60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York

January 8, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

I have at long last got around to reading the unequal penalties study that you sent me six weeks ago, and I come to the tentative and reluctant conclusion that this is one of those areas where it makes better sense to work along on a common sense assumption about inequalities, rather than to expend considerable energies to obtain "scientific" proof.

I will try to give you a more considerate view after talking to Ed Lukas.

Yours,

Adam

Adam Yarmolinsky
Secretary

MEMORANDUM

1/28/57

Dear Harold,
re: Whitney Foundation

I have explained all to Roger Baldwin and I think he understands, and will be more charitably inclined.

Adam

Rec'd 1/29/58

Adam Yarmolinsky

February 6, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

I thought you would like to see the two items enclosed -- a chronology of Southern developments since the Supreme Court decision, and a new progress report on our work.

The chronology has an interesting history. It grew out of John Bartlow Martin's visit with us and his insatiable quest for information. He suggested that if we could see the important developments, in order, over the two and one-half year period, we might find some patterns that would be suggestive. We did this kind of compilation hastily for him and have since pruned and refined it a bit for the present version.

I hear from the grapevine that you have done us yet another service by interpreting our situation to Baldwin. I am grateful.

Hope to see you in Washington on the 21st.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

March 7, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Fund for the Republic
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

This was interesting and provocative -- as witnessed by the fact that it incited me to several energetic interior monologues. Unfortunately, it was also long. I hope my hanging on to it so long has not inconvenienced you.

It strikes me that a comparable session on The Problem in the South, given the right participants, might be very fruitful.

Let me take this occasion to thank you again for all your time and helpful advice in New York last week. As circumstances permit, I want to follow up on the various suggestions you made.

I did have an enjoyable talk with Roger Baldwin, and the William C. Whitney grant has since been approved. It's too soon to put any other cash value on my New York efforts, but I begin to see a little light filtering through the clouds.

I hope to see you again soon. Meanwhile all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. "The Princeton Conference on Civil Liberties Strategy"

HCF
Para su información
FBR

March 11, 1957

Adam Yarmolinsky, Esq.
The Fund for the Republic
60 E. 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Yarmolinsky:

At the suggestion of Fred Routh of the Southern Regional Council, I am sending you a copy of the 1956 report of the NAIRO Commission on Civil Rights, calling your attention particularly to the second paper entitled "Tax Exemption and Private Group Relations Agencies" by Jules Cohen.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore Leskes

TL:fb

Enc.
cc: F. B. Routh

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The Fund for the Republic
60 E. 42nd Street
New York, New York

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The Fund for the Republic INC.

60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York

August 1, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

The accuracy of your judgment is equaled only by the indefatigableness of your energies. I shall circulate your impressive enclosures.

Yours,

Adam Yarmolinsky

July 26, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

I am slow in acknowledging your last two letters, but I am appreciative none-the-less.

Several of us here had read Frances Williams manuscripts some time ago. While they reflect the thinking of a subtle and intelligent person who is familiar with the South, I think they are too advanced for any mailing list, particularly Southern, that I can think of. This is a matter for the egg heads, better reached through one of the national super-agencies.

I had read Keith Kyles piece in Commentary and thought it was an admirable analysis of the factors involved in the debate on the Hill. There again, though, I think it is most helpful for the organization leaders who operate in the Washington orbit. A distribution by Harry Fleishman through CCD channels would make much sense.

I believe we sent you a copy of our latest report on Negro registration and voting. As you may have noticed, it's had much treatment in such publications as Time and The Washington Post. I understand Douglas is reading it into the record. I am not sure that you have seen a copy of our recent semi-annual report of activities, so I am enclosing a copy.

Keep me advised of your own activities and plans.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Semi-Annual Report of SRC Activities
Clippings:
the Evening Sun - 7/23/57
Washington Post + times Herald - 7/23/57
time - 7/29/57

Telephone: MUrray Hill 2-1250

The Fund for the Republic INC.

60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York

July 16, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold

If you have not already seen Keith Kyle's piece in the current (July) Commentary on "Desegregation and the Negro Right to Vote", you should get hold of it immediately. Now that the Fund no longer has a distribution program you may even want to think of reproducing and circulating it.

I am also writing Harry Fleischman about this in his capacity as chairman of the Publicity Committee of the CCD.

Sincerely,

Adam

Adam Yarmolinsky

VIA AIR MAIL October 10, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky wf folder
Doubleday & Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

Good to hear from you in your new guise.

It's too bad McGill ruled himself out. He would have been the logical guy.

Celesting Sibley would do a somewhat lighter job, but a good one, I think. She is a good writer and a thoroughly decent person. On rather limited reflection, I haven't been able to think of anyone I would recommend more highly.

Incidentally, I don't think current racial sensitivities would rule the book out. As matters now stand, Atlanta should be do-able.

I'm still hoping you'll make a Southern (or, at least, Atlanta) sqing.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. If other names are suggested, feel free (!) to bounce them off ~~to~~ me.
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DOUBLEDAY & COMPANY, INC., 575 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 22

MURRAY HILL 8-5300

October 3, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Further to my letter of September 27th: what would you think of Celestine Sibley for the book?

Apparently Ralph McGill was asked once and said no, he was too busy.

In haste,

Adam

Adam Yarmolinsky

P.S. Mrs Sibley is doing another book for Doubleday (a mystery!) and doesn't know she's being considered for this.

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September 27, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Here is a new kind of question for you:

If you wanted a book about Atlanta which would appeal primarily to a local audience but might have some national interest as well, whom would you go to as a possible author? I'm not talking about a guide book at all, but rather a kind of composite of history, politics, local personalities and problems, including our common concern.

Perhaps it would be impossible to write such a book now, because the things that any honest writer would have to put in, in order to satisfy himself, would make it impossible for the book to sell in Atlanta. But if this could be done anywhere in the South, I should think your home town would be the place.

What do you think?

Yours,

Adam

Adam Yarmolinsky

VIA AIR MAIL October 18, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday & Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

Good news about your forthcoming Southern trip.

Harry Ashmore has just done a book, scheduled for Fall publication, I think, though I don't recall the publisher. Title: "An Epitaph for Dixie." Knowing Harry, I have no doubt he could do another one, full length, on Little Rock. Whether you or he would want one so close on the heels of his all-South opus, is the question.

I'm to be with Loescher in Philadelphia day after tomorrow, and with Freeman in New York next week. We'll turn down an empty glass for you.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence)

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . . HAROLD C. FLEMING . . . .

AIR MAIL

Use this date → Oct. 18, 1957

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MURRAY HILL 8-5300

October 14, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Thanks for the report on Mrs. Sibley. I think we'll try to go ahead with her, and I'll keep you posted.

I'm hoping to work out a Southern trip, probably in February.

Do you think Harry Ashmore could do a good book about Little Rock?

Yours,

Adam Yarmolinsky

VIA AIR MAIL October 28, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday and Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

I am sorry I goofed so badly on our get-together and even failed to reach you by telephone the following day. Such are the perils of New York for a country boy.

Further reflection has failed to inspire me with any further suggestions for the editor of your collection on Little Rock. In fact, the more I think of it, the more Shoemaker seems to be the logical man, provided he can give the necessary time to it. And I should think he could, if he really wants to.

I have two favors to ask. First, if you have the name of Kaplan's assistant handy, I'd appreciate having it for future reference. Second, I'm enclosing a letter from a Boston law firm that is handling the estate of a Mr. Emerson, who very kindly remembered SRC in his will. We have been unable to find out anything about the size or nature of the estate, except for what is said in the enclosed letter. Dave felt that there is a chance you might know somebody in the firm who could shed more light on the matter. So I am sending this on the off chance.

I hope your stint in the bookstore was a rewarding experience - or that it will be when you get to be vice-president of the firm. Let me know when I can advise on any of the many ideas you will be dealing with, and particularly anytime you are going to be in these parts.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday & Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

Many thanks for writing your friend Bob Haydock about the Emerson estate. Any information he can supply will be of great help to us.

I talked to Baldwin when he was here and was impressed by what I took to be his approach to the problem. He hasn't had an article in LOOK yet, has he? That would help me judge the value of a full-dress treatment by him. In general, I like the idea but don't know enough at this point to offer an opinion.

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HCF

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MURRAY HILL 8-5300

November 4, 1957

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Jack Kaplan's assistant is David Bernstein, and his address is 55 Fifth Avenue. I have written to Bob Haydock about the Emerson estate, copy enclosed.* I expect to be in touch with Don Shoemaker, as you suggest, but I think, unless some big news breaks, we'll put off doing a race relations book until next fall.

What would you think of a book by James Baldwin based on his Southern tour for Look, as well as a forthcoming Northern tour, possibly on his own?

Sincerely,

Adam Yarmolinsky

* under separate cover.

December 3, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday and Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

Blessings on you for extracting such heart-warming news from your friend Bob Haydock. This is better than we dared hope.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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Johnson, Mr. Pyke (Jr.) cc of HCF's reply to Johnson sent To Yarmolinsky

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April 6, 1958

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Gen. Corresp. - Newspapers, et. al.

October 31, 1958

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday and Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

I have just had an opportunity to read the manuscript of Bill Peters' forthcoming book, and I thought I should let you know that I am favorably impressed even beyond my original expectations.

Peters has done an extraordinarily thorough and accurate job of documenting those aspects of Southern race relations which are seldom publicized and even more seldom understood. This is in general the story that experienced observers of the Southern scene know but lack either the time or competence to tell effectively to the nation as a whole.

When we first discussed the idea of the book, I was thinking of it as one aimed at a rather special and limited audience. Having read the manuscript, I am inclined to feel it's potentially a best seller or something like it. The literate American public is, in my opinion, pretty sick of the hopeless and degraded side of this story, which is mostly what they read in their newspapers and magazines. If they can become aware of this book, I think they will respond to it with enthusiasm.

Of course, you are the guy who will have to figure out how to make "the public" aware and interested, and I know that is not easy. But I would want to let you know that I think you've really got a good piece of merchandise to sell.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 14, 1958

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday & Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

Sure, you can quote me.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

DOUBLEDAY & COMPANY, INC., 575 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 22
MURRAY HILL 8-5300

November 6, 1958

Dear Harold:

Thanks for the good words. May I quote you?

Yours,

Adam Yarmolinsky

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Barr Building
Washington 5, D.C.
January 16, 1959

EATON'S CORRASABLE BOND U S A

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Having just put down the telephone, I'm still moved to pick up the dictaphone ~~and~~ to say thank you for everything you did in Atlanta as guide, philosopher and friend, not to mention social director.

Incidentally, one of the things I hope to get off before the end of the day is a report to Vernon on the meeting.

Yours,

Adam

Adam Yarmolinsky

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REGARDING:

Plight of Hazel Brannon Smith

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Smith, Hazel Brannon

ADAM YARMOLINSKY
BARR BUILDING
910 17TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

METROPOLITAN 8-6977

February 6, 1959

Dear Morris:

Thank you for your supplementary memorandum and for your letter of January 27 about Mr. Dorsey. I passed all this on to James Marshall of the Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust Fund, who is planning to distribute it to his fellow trustees immediately. If they respond negatively, or are unable to reach a quick decision, I shall take it up with Stephen Currier for consideration outside the scope of his regular charitable giving.

I should add that your minimum budget seems to me a little on the high side. Three hundred hours at an average time charge of $25 an hour comes to only $7,500, and I should think the $25 figure could include office overhead. Of course, if you took more time it would cost more money. I don't know how the Marshall Fund trustees will react, but if the matter does come back to Currier, I think a straight time-charge arrangement, against a retainer, might be preferable. Why don't you think about it and wait until I can send you a further report?

Sincerely,

Morris B. Abram, Esq.
Heyman, Abram & Young
1504 Healey Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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ADAM YARMOLINSKY
BARR BUILDING
910 17TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

METROPOLITAN 8-6977

February 18, 1959

Dear Harold:

Thank you very much for the catalogue and the notes. Don't worry; no journalist I; I shan't quote you.

Yours,

Adam

Mr. Harold Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

VIA AIR MAIL February 13, 1959

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Barr Building
910 - 17th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Adam:

The quickest way for me to send you the information you need of agencies working in the South is by way of the enclosed directory. You will see that not all of these organizations have professional staff that work in the South, but you can make your own selection. I have made a few marginal notes and have added a brief summary of the activities, as I know them, on the various groups. If you need anything further on this don't hesitate to ask me.

I have not had much personal contact with the Conference of Southern Mountains, but we have had a friendly organizational relationship with it for many years. My feeling is that this is a constructive effort to deal with the special problems of mountain people. Because of the sparce Negro populations in its area, the outfit has not been heavily concerned with race relations. But my understanding is that it's thoroughly "right" on the question and is properly inclusive in its activities. I gather one of its major interests at the moment is the problem of migrants to Northern centers. This is a worthwhile focus.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

ADAM YARMOLINSKY
BARR BUILDING
910 17TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

METROPOLITAN 8-6977

February 4, 1959

Dear Harold:

In connection with a memorandum on what foundations can do and what new ideas they should consider in the South, I am trying to prepare an appendix describing very briefly the existing organizations now at work there. I suspect that you have the bare bones of this information already pulled together, if nowhere else perhaps in Paul Anthony's notes on the inter-agency meeting. All I have in mind is a list of organizations; how many, if any, professional people they have in the South working on race relations; how long they have been at work; and what, in a few words, they are doing. This last consisting mostly, I should suppose, of ditto marks.

If this looks like more than a very small job, please don't add it to your burdens.

Yours,
Adam

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

P.S. What do you know about the Council of the Southern Mountains? I just spent two fascinating days at their annual meeting in Gatlinburg

VIA AIR MAIL March 12, 1959

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
412 Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Adam:

I am to be in New York (Hotel Commodore) Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week, March 17-19. If you're there, I hope we can get together.

When Stephen Currier was last here, he asked me to let him know in advance when I was to be in New York. I have done so and will call him Tuesday morning.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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NAME OR SUBJECT:

Yarmolinsky, Adam (Ltr. from HCF)

REGARDING:

Hazel Brannon Smith

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May 11, 1959

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Smith, Hazel Brannon

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ADAM YARMOLINSKY
BARR BUILDING
910 17TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

June 1, 1959

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

I suppose other people have pointed out to you Mrs. Roosevelt's curious praise of the Southern Conference as the only effective bi-racial organization in the South*, and I trust someone is already setting her straight.

Yours,

Adam

* in her column

SOME DO'S AND DON'T'S IN WORKING WITH FOUNDATIONS

Remarks by Adam Yarmolinsky at
NAIRO Conference
San Juan, Puerto Rico
October 13 to 16

Dwight MacDonald described one of the major foundations in the United States as "a large body of money entirely surrounded by people who want some." That's the way a foundation must look to the casual observer. But foundations are made up of people as well as investment portfolios. What distinguishes foundation giving from individual giving is that foundation officers and directors devote a good deal of their time to considering where the foundation's money should go, according to some kind of overall plan.

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Sent to Adam Yarmolinsky

COMMENTS ON ORGANIZATIONS WORKING IN THE SOUTH

Alabama Council on Human Relations, etc.

I assume you don't need anything further on the state Councils on Human Relations or SRC; if you do, holler.

ACLU and American Council on Human Rights not eligible for charitable contributions; neither is staffed in the South, although ACLU intervenes in some Southern cases.

AFSC

Carries on Southern programs in merit employment and (for North Carolina) school desegregation.

American Jewish Committee

Southern area offices are heavily concerned with Jewish community relations and anti-semitism; however, they do cooperate quietly with other organisations and community leaders on racial questions.

American Jewish Congress

The one Southern office - Miami - is similar in function to the AJCommittee offices, but reflects the more militant and outspoken position of the national group.

Anti-Defamation League

The regional offices distribute literature and audio-visual materials, conduct investigations, stage workshops, counsel with community leadership, and cooperate with race relations agencies. Although ADL is formally committed to intergroup relations in the broad sense, many of its materials and activities are directly concerned with racial problems.

Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention

Basically a one-man operation (A. C. Miller). Activities in race relations consist mainly of distribution of literature, counseling with pastors under fire, and Miller's participation in race relations conferences.

Race Relations Dept., Fisk University

Best known for Annual Race Relations Institute; specialises in community self-surveys, many outside the South but a few in the region.

UCMS, Disciples of Christ

Though unstaffed in South, Lewis Deer arranges human relations institutes at the Disciples' church-related colleges in the South; also consultation with pastors in crisis situations.

National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church

Basically a one-manoperation in the South (Neil Tarplee). Tarplee brings Episcopal clergymen together for conferences, counsels with individual rectors, compiles information and analysis for the Bishops and other church leaders.

Georgia Council of Churches

This and its counterparts in Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia (and shortly Florida) are interracial, frequently speak out against racial injustices, cooperate with other agencies, distribute literature and stage conferences with race relations content.

Jewish Labor Committee

Has conducted one survey of racial practices in Southern unions; has sent national staff members on temporary race relations missions into Arkansas and Virginia; periodically considers adding one or two Southern staff members.

Board of Social Missions, United Lutherans

National staff has conducted several conferences of Southern pastors, but no evident intention of staffing the South.

Board of Social and Economic Relations, Methodist Church

Little staff activity in the South; Dudley Ward stimulates and services human relations conferences in some Southern jurisdictions.

General Board of Education, Methodist Church

Makes meeting facilities available for interracial conferences in Nashville; contributes to SRC.

Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Church

No professional staff in South, but secretaries for Christian social relations carry quasi-staff responsibilities; stage conferences and workshops, distribute literature, counsel with local Women's Societies for Christian Service.

NAACP

In addition to regional director, has state executives in at least several Southern states. Functions of these staffers include investigations of complaints, reports to national office, counselling of local branches, issuing of public statements, voter registration campaigns, etc. The work of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund is too well known to require comment.

NCCJ

State offices in deep South steer shy of racial questions; those in the upper South occasionally sponsor interracial institutes, distribute material on race relations, and stimulate police training in human relations. Gordon Lovejoy serves as speaker and resource person for many such occasions.

National Council of Churches

Will Campbell counsels with religious leaders throughout the South, takes part in conferences, distributes literature, troubleshoots in crisis situations, cooperates in interagency activities.

United Church Women

No Southern staff, but most state and local units are actively and vocally concerned with racial problems. The usual activities -- workshops and conferences, literature, public statements.

Council of Jewish Women

Much the same as United Church Women, only less influential and accordingly less conspicuous in race relations.

National Urban League

Regional man chiefly concerned with employment practices at big government contract plants; quiet fact-finding and counselling.

Local Urban Leagues are not listed, but are generally concerned with employment practices, housing, and welfare services for Negroes in their respective communities. Since they receive no financial support from the NUL, they might well be considered on their individual merits by philanthropists.

Board of Christian Education, Presbyterians, USA
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Southern staffers of these agencies carry on activities within their particular denominations roughly the same as those Will Campbell carries on interdenominationally.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Newly staffed; aims at stimulating voter registration, raising Negro living standards, coordinating Negro ministerial leadership throughout the South. M. L. King, Jr., is the key figure.

Unitarian Service Committee

Galen Martin carries on a local community relations program in Knoxville. Works with human relations council, ministerial association, and other local groups on educational efforts in the field of race relations.

Southern Regional Office, YWCA

Services local and college YWCA's throughout the South; stimulates interracial activities through these channels; stages region-wide interracial conferences for its constituents.

Southern Area Student Council, YMCA

Through campus Y's and regional meetings, stages interracial conferences and consultations; arranges visits between segregated and desegregated colleges, and so on. As you know, is not staffed at present, pending action on fund requests.

February 18, 1960

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Barr Building
910 - 17th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Adam:

It was good being with you and Vernon last weekend.

I am returning herewith the copy of your San Juan talk. We have made copies, one of which I am sending to Vernon. It's a fine job and ought to be published; it seems to me Vernon or Frank Loescher would be logical people to place it pro bono publico.

Meanwhile, may I assume your consent for us to circulate copies to our state councils on human relations and maybe a few other friends? To save you correspondence, I will so assume unless I hear to the contrary within a week or so.

Yours for enrollment officers and repeal of the Indiana blue laws.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- Why hasn't NAIRO published your talk? Their constituents need it.

HCF

March 28, 1960

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
2017 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yarmolinsky:

In your letter of February 24, you asked that copies of your San Juan speech be sent to you when it was reproduced. Under separate cover I am sending a dozen copies. If more copies are wanted, let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

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NO 7-2666
24 February, 1960

Harold Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

You said you were enclosing the copy of my San Juan talk, but you didn't. Which encourages me to ask for several copies if you really are having them reproduced. I don't know why NAIRO hasn't published it except general shiftlessness, but I'd much rather Vernon persuaded the Carnagie people to use it in one of their bulletins, and I do think he is the best person to try.

That was a good weekend despite the blue laws. Eventually I'll learn to be foresighted too.

Yours,
Adam

Original mailed 2/26/60 W.F.
copy attached

10/7/59

SOME DO'S AND DON'T'S IN WORKING WITH FOUNDATIONS

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NAIRO Conference
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5 April 1960

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Flowers:

Thanks ever so much for the copies of my San Juan speech. I do appreciate your providing them.

Sincerely,

Adam Yarmolinsky

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June 1, 1960

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
2017 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Adam:

Your statement for the Committee on the Bill of Rights is a corker. Whether they adopt it or not, merely reading it has raised my morale. If it is adopted, I hope it gets the widest possible publicity.

One minute point of fact: the Greensboro students staged their initial sit-in at a five-and-ten-cents store -- Woolworth's to be exact.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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23 May 1960

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Here is a copy of a statement I prepared for the Committee on the Bill of Rights of the Association of the Bar in New York. The notion was that the Committee or even the Association itself might issue this statement or something like it. I think the chances are less than 50-50, but Bob Carter, who is also on the Committee, seemed to think it was worth doing anyway.

I don't really know what you can do with it, particularly since it is still in the bosom of the Committee, but I have a compulsive need to share my verbal efforts with you, at least in your field.

Yours,

Adam

Enclosure

P.S. Berl Bernhardt had lunch with me the other
day, in re his personal interest in getting into
the field of big corporations and race relations –
educating 'em to be a positive force in the
South. I said he should talk to you.

Draft 5/11/60

The Association of The Bar of The City of New York

Bill of Rights Committee

On February 1, 1960 four college freshmen in Greensboro, North Carolina walked into a local drugstore and sat down at the lunch counter. Although they were clean, quiet, and properly dressed, they were not served. When the store closed, they left quietly.

In the weeks and months that followed, other college students have tested the willingness of local merchants to serve them at lunch counters in stores where, for all other purposes, they have been welcome customers. These students have, generally, acted spontaneously, and not as a result of any predetermined plan. Their behaviour has been orderly and courteous. In some instances where they were denied service, they have refused to leave the area while the store remained opened to other customers. Some of them have been arrested, under existing ordinances or special no-tresspassing laws enacted for this purpose. They have not resisted arrest, nor engaged in violence, despite extraordinary provocation.

As lawyers, we are concerned with this situation because the law is being invoked in a new and troubled context, and new law of at least doubtful validity is being made.

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We are particularly concerned because the law is being invoked by merchants and municipal authorities in derogation of an idea that is basic to our system of law: the idea of the dignity and worth of the individual human being. The law is being invoked because, and only because, these students are Negroes. The continued application of the law in support of an exclusionary policy cannot resolve the underlying problem. Maintaining the status quo is not the solution, when the status quo is intolerable to a substantial part of the community.

In a free society, the law protects even those who act contrary to society's best interests. But it must be clearly understood that the lunch counter proprietors who excluded Negroes from their clientele, and the private citizens and public officers who encouraged these exclusions by their express or tacit approval, are the true enemies of law and order.

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Memo FROM THE DESK OF **HAROLD FLEMING**

June 16, 1960

Dear Adam:

How can we get a copy of your report on IQ testing? We're willing to pay.

HCF/mf

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
2017 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

LWD ✓
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June 29, 1960

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky —Sue
2017 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Adam:

Thanks for your letter just received.

We will pursue "The Recognition of Excellence" through the bookstores.

I read the exchange of correspondence with Mrs. Putnam with the greatest of interest. (I didn't know this was a husband-and-wife collaboration in bigotry.) That was a fine and effective reply you wrote her. If she indulges in surrebuttal, I hope you will have your secretary mark me in.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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27 June 1960

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

I've given away all my author's copies, so I guess the place to go is your local book store. It's called "The Recognition of Excellence," and in case they don't have it in stock, which they almost certainly won't, they can order it from The Free Press of Glencoe, 119 West Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois, at $3.75--or you can order it directly.

On the other hand, I should warn you that despite the New York Times, most of it is really about the recognition of excellence, and not very much of it is about IQ testing, although it did get me into an exchange of correspondence with Mrs. Carleton Putnam,* which may give you a small chuckle. I enclose a copy.

Yours,
Adam

Enclosures

* You will recall Mr Carleton Putnam's full-page ads about Abraham Lincoln and school integration.

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Mrs. Carleton Putnam
4415 Kirby Road
McLean, Virginia

Dear Mr. Yarmolinsky:

I saw a "review" of your recent report--"Recognition of Excellence"--in the Washington Post a couple of weeks ago. It sounds like a most interesting book and one I look forward to reading as I also feel that recognition of excellence is sorely lacking--at any age, for that matter--not just during the school years. Quality, accomplishment, superiority, distinction (particularly if not marked by financial success) are sneered at or belittled. The young, by and large, have not been inculcated with respect for superior accomplishment--either of their contemporaries or anyone else's. A barren, debilitating, demoralizing atmosphere to live in--one calculated to reduce all people to a low, common norm.

One question I do want to ask you if I may. I quote from the Post. "Intelligence tests are standardized to a native white population,--- The discrepancy is particularly evident in testing children from disadvantaged minorities:---- "

In view of the fact that these ethnic minorities are now part and parcel of our present population but who are newcomers relatively speaking--why should these groups not be subjected to intelligence tests geared to our native white

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population? If they came as guests to our country, decided to stay and become part of this nation, why should they not be judged by their performance in that culture?

If I went to France to live--decided to become a citizen, I would hardly expect the French to adjust their intelligence tests to my ethnic background (were I a student)--or to the ethnic background of my children. On the contrary--having decided to become a part of the Frenchman's country and culture, I would hope that in due course I would be able to earn distinction in that background. Until such a time as that was feasible I would think the failure lay in myself--not in the criteria of the Frenchman.

I would be most interested to hear from you as to whether your meaning has been misconstrued in the quote or whether I have correctly interpreted your implication that somehow "tests" (and other criteria) must be adjusted to the ethnic minorities of our nation--a course of action not only impractical in my view but not desirable.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Esther W. Putnam

May 26, 1960

ADAM YARMOLINSKY
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WASHINGTON 8, D. C

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NO 7-2666
2 June 1960

Mrs. Carleton Putnam
4415 Kirby Road
McLean, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Putnam:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter about my report on the recognition of excellence.

To reply to your question, the report does not suggest that intelligence tests or other criteria of excellence should be adjusted to the performance of disadvantaged minorities. If you had that impression from the otherwise excellent review in the Washington Post, it was to that extent misleading.

In fact the report points out that attempts to devise intelligence tests to measure "pure" ability have been uniformly unsuccessful. It quotes S. A. Kendrick, Vice-President of the College Entrance Examination Board, to the effect that "tests are culture-bound, but so are our colleges....so is life."

I am troubled, however, by your analogy to the case of the American who goes to France to live, and who therefore bears the burden of adjusting himself to a new culture. Of the minority groups referred to in the quoted portion of the report, the American Indian was here already, the Appalachian mountain white was among the first arrivals, and the Negro was brought here against his will a long time ago. The Puerto Rican is an American, and comes as of right, while the Mexican-American, pushed by economic necessity at home, and pulled by unscrupulous labor contractors in the United States, cannot fairly be described as a voluntary arrival. It seems to me that the voluntary immigrants have had the least difficulty in adjusting to American life, and require no concessions from the intelligence testers.

I am particularly concerned about our attitudes towards these disadvantaged groups because of certain other findings that appear in my report. The psychologists have discovered that human intelligence is a good deal more plastic and variable over the entire lifetime than they had supposed. Ability as well as actual performance increases in a favorable environment, and IQ may be more a measure of motivation than of "innate" capacity.

Practical experiments bear out these theoretical observations. Slum children exposed to more intensive school instruction and to a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, from off-Broadway Shakespeare to a college football game, showed striking improvement in their test scores, far beyond the actual content of what they had learned. This experiment, begun in New York City, is now being extended to a number of other cities.

What the intelligence test results of disadvantaged minorities demonstrate to me is not that we should compromise our standards (like the famous "Chinese Ph.D."), nor that we should expect these children to raise themselves by their own bootstraps, but rather that we have an obligation to help provide the kind of environment, in and out of school, that will encourage them to develop the capacities that are in them.

Sincerely yours,

Adam Yarmolinsky

May 9, 1962

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yarmolinsky:

Thank you for your letter of April 2, 1962. I regret the two errors in the report, but am glad to hear that the National Guard of the District of Columbia is, as you say, no longer segregated, and that several Negro officers are now in the National Guard Bureau.

We would, of course, have been delighted to have reported both of these changes "since 1961" had you informed us of them in your very detailed and helpful communication of December 14, 1961; or had you told Mrs. Shaughnessy about them when she interviewed you on January 10, 1962 and discussed the Guard question; or had we learned of them in a later phone call made to Dr. Evans about the Guard, though not raising these two matters specifically. If either occurrence has been reported in the press it has, regrettably, escaped us.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mmj
bcc: Mr. Daniel Pollitt
Mrs. Mina Shaughnessy

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

2 April 1962

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

Thank you for the copy of Executive Support of Civil Rights. I have noted the reference to those areas which concern the Department of Defense, and am glad to see you approve of many of the actions we have taken in the last year.

There are, however, two points in the report which require some comment. First, on page 42, the report refers to the District of Columbia National Guard as segregated. In fact, the District of Columbia National Guard has not been segregated since 1961. Second, on page 42, the report states that there are no Negro officers in the National Guard Bureau. Since 1961, there have been three Negro officers in the National Guard Bureau; one is an Air Force Lt. Colonel, one an Army Major, and one an Army Lt. Colonel, who will be promoted to Colonel very shortly.

We shall continue in our efforts to improve the other problems concerning the Defense Department which you have noted.

Sincerely,

Adam Yarmolinsky

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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26 April 1962

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

We hope you have by this time received due acknowledgment of the copies of Executive Support of Civil Rights as forwarded to officials in the Pentagon. As indicated in our note of March 27th, continuing attention is being given to numerous points in this report which relate to the defense effort.

We would refer, for example, to the passages on Federal support of segregated schools and particularly the references on page 10 to schooling provided for dependents in the vicinity of military bases.

You have doubtless noted the lead article "Segregated Schools May Lose U.S. Aid" in SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS for April 1962. In some respects the clarification brought out by the special House Education Subcommittee may presently be the most important part of the position enunciated by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. This development has assisted us in further substantiating the fact that any and all on-base operations, including such schooling for dependents as may be found necessary, is upon the totally integrated basis; and that the larger area of off-base schooling in the local communities in impacted areas is, by law and custom, within the purview of the U. S. Commissioner of Education and not the military authorities.

This clarification is important as facilitating approaches toward eliminating the onus of having military orders for a father result, under the law, in the registration of his children in segregated schools, and with no recourse except to send them out to relatives in other areas of the country.

We are appreciative of the continuing attention of the Council for bringing forth the facts and the implications of these and related situations as set forth in the report for which we again express appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

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July 29, 1953

Mr. R. O. Johnson
Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler St., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Many thanks for your letter of July 23. You pick a date any time you want me, and I will show. I could make a speech called "The Rules of Industrial Society," which goes on to show that you can't run an industrial society on the rules that were thought useful for a plantation economy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 23, 1953

Dr. George Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

During the past decade, the Butler Street Y. M. C. A. has sponsored a noon Forum, THE HUNGRY CLUB, which has grown into a unique Atlanta institution. Each Wednesday, some fifty to one hundred odd serious minded citizens of our Community come together to enjoy friendship and food and to learn from each other, and from distinguished speakers, about how they might better serve our rapidly changing Community, Region and Nation.

As you may know, THE HUNGRY CLUB was not organized for the purpose of social action. Nevertheless, since its inception, it has served as a clearing house, and in subtle ways, has helped to organize community and regional thinking about the vital problems of our time. It is composed of an amorphous body of responsible men and women from all stations and walks of life who meet and exchange opinions. The cardinal premise is that Free Discussion is an Essential Ingredient of a Democratic Society. In this regard, THE HUNGRY CLUB is not only a stimulating arena in which opinion is exchanged, but is also a place where the forum habit is learned and carried over into community life.

We would be very happy to present you to THE HUNGRY CLUB as one of our feature speakers during the 1953-54 Forum series. We meet each Wednesday at 12:00 noon. A portion of the session (15 minutes) is broadcast over W.E.R.E.

We do hope that you can accept our invitation. If so, we would appreciate it if you would give us two, three or four alternate dates (between September 16, 1953 and May 15, 1954) which would be convenient to you. It would also be helpful if you could suggest the topic or perhaps a broad area toward which your remarks would be directed. Finally, THE HUNGRY CLUB committee would be grateful for your cooperation in supplying us with the names and dates of interesting personalities who might be visiting our city during the year.

Thank you for your cooperation, and may we hear from you at your earliest convenience. With pleasant anticipations, we are,

Yours sincerely,

R. O. Johnson

R. O. Johnson, Chairman
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September 22, 1953

Mr. Sam Shreiner, Executive Secretary
Southwest Area Council YMCA
3012 Maple Avenue
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Shreiner:

I talked this afternoon with Mr. Wharton and write now to you in order to reach your states.

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What we want to do is to help in the mountainous tasks of getting everyday citizens informed on the issues, so that when the Supreme Court finally rules one way or the other, the South will meet the decision with calmness and tolerance.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 15, 1953

Mr Paul Moritz
National Council of Y M C A
291 Broadway
New York, N Y

Dear Mr Moritz:

Could you think out some way for these two pamphlets or either of them to be still more widely used by local discussion groups?

I have sent the Questions and Answers to your regional people here and in Dallas.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 22, 1953

Mr. Paul Moritz
National Council of YMCA
291 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Moritz:

Here is a new booklet our Council has just put out. It tries to be a balanced and temperate discussion of the issue. We want to get it widely used by local discussion groups in the South - quite informally. Object: Is to build in advance of the Supreme Court's decision public opinion among every-day citizens who will, therefore, be the more inclined to receive cooperatively whatever may be the decision.

I talked this afternoon with Mr. Wharton here, and I have written about this booklet to Mr. Shreiner at Dallas. Wharton said he would take it up with his staff conference early in October, and if they liked the idea perhaps his office could purchase several hundred copies.

I am in hopes that the idea may even appeal to you for "spot distribution" North of the line.

In any case here it is, on a crrent topic, and we hope that you will hereby get it used.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November seventeen, 1953

Mr Leo B Marsh, Secretary
Counseling and Interracial Services
National Council of the Y M C A
291 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr Marsh:

That's a hard bill to fill. Brooks Hays, the Congressman from the Little Rock District in Arkansas, could do it. He is a devoted Baptist layman, active in what was the Social Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and he would understand and be understood. Bishop W R Moody, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Lexington (Kentucky), could do a good job and he is close by.

A younger fellow, who could perhaps set fire, is right there in Columbus working as the editorial person and public relations man for the Ohio Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. He is Calvin Kytle whose address is 246 North High Street. Has only been there in Columbus two or three years but has made something of a name for himself and remains deeply and modernly informed about things Southern.

A Presbyterian layman of wide and much down-to-earth knowledge, who writes frequently in the Presbyterian Outlook, is J M Dabbs, Mayesville, South Carolina, a former professor at Coker College, who inherited a plantation and quit teaching to attend the place.

The President of the College of the Bible, at Lexington, Kentucky, is Mr Riley Montgomery. The College of the Bible is the Seminary for the Disciples of Christ. Mr Montgomery is well known as a liberal, an excellent speaker, rich years of experience in Lynchburg, Virginia, and more lately in Lexington, Kentucky. Might well be your best bet.

Dr E A McDowell, Wake Forrest, North Carolina, was until a couple of years ago a leading pfofessor at the Southern Baptist College at Louisville, and went down to head the new Seminary at Wake Forrest when it was set up. Strong man, sound, liberal, and thoughtful in his views.

Much could be said of Dr J McDowell Richards, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia.

I would trust the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Richmond, Virginia, Dr Theodore F Adams.

I myself have high respect for Bishop E P Dandridge, lately the Bishop of Nashville of the Episcopal Church and now head, I believe, of the Theological School at Sewanee. Has been criticised, unfairly I think, for taking the leadership of an institution which had so lately postponed opening its doors to Negroes; but since he took charge it has accepted some Negro students. Pretty wise man, I think is Dandridge.

If any of these would be helpful names, I am glad. If none sounds suitable, let me know and I will try again.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 10, 1953

Mr Leo B Marsh, Secretary
Counseling and Interracial Services
National Council of the Y M C A
291 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr Marsh:

Dr George Mitchell is out of the city for the week. When he returns to his desk Monday, November 16, your letter of November 6 will have his attention.

Sincerely yours

Secretary to Dr Mitchell

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed is a copy of a program which the Y.M.C.A. is sponsoring in early 1954.

Can you suggest a strong white southerner who would come to Columbus and tell this consultation some of the major interracial developments in the South, and describe the processes which have brought about these developments?

Please write me at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Leo B. Marsh

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Secretary
Counseling and Interracial Services

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PROGRAM

NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON INTERRACIAL WORK IN THE Y.M.C.A.

To Develop Methods and Strategy for the Extension of
Y.M.C.A. Services Among Negroes and Other Non-whites

February 5, 6, 7, 1954
Columbus, Ohio

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Thursday, February 4

P.M.			
3:00	5:00	Pre-Consultation Meetings with Work Group Teams	J. Robert Knight, Coordinator
5:00	7:00	Dinner - Local Consultation Committee	J. Gordon Howard, Chairman
7:00	9:00	Pre-Consultation Meetings with Work Group Teams	J. Robert Knight, Coordinator

Friday, February 5

A.M.			
7:30	9:00	Breakfast Meetings	
		- Steering Committee	Campbell C. Johnson, Chairman
		- Work Group Leaders	J. Robert Knight, Coordinator
9:00	10:00	Registration	
10:00		OPENING SESSION	Campbell C. Johnson, Chairman
10:00	10:20	- Devotional Period	Dr. Robert Fay, Rector, Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio
10:20	10:30	- Review of the Purposes of the Consultation	The Chairman
10:30	10:45	- Presentation of Agenda	Lawrence J. MacGregor

An Overview of the Concerns of the Consultation

10:45	11:30	- Presentation: The Position of Non-whites In American Life	
11:30	12:00	- Presentation: A Review of Present Y.M.C.A. Work Among Negroes	
12:00	12:30	The Personnel Situation	

P.M.

2:00 2:30 GENERAL SESSION — J. Gordon Howard, Chairman

Extending and Strengthening Y.M.C.A. Services to Non-whites

- Areas of Concern Defined for Work Groups — Russell Rymer
- Assignments to Work Groups — J. Robert Knight

2:30 5:00 WORK GROUP SESSION

- What are the problems?

(Each work group to give particular attention to an examination of the problems which Y.M.C.A.'s face in serving non-whites.

Work Group 1
Work Group 2
Work Group 3 (Leadership teams to be assigned)
Work Group 4
Work Group 5
Work Group 6
Work Group 7

6:00 Dinner

7:30 9:30 EVENING SESSION - (Continuation of Work Group Session)

Extending and Strengthening Y.M.C.A. Services to Non-whites

- What are the next steps for advance?

(Each Work Group will give particular attention to identifying the steps which will advance Y.M.C.A. services among non-whites)

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Saturday, February 6

A.M.
9:00 MORNING SESSION — Harold F. Brigham, Chairman

9:00 9:30 - Devotional Period — Dr. Robert Fay, Rector, Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio

9:30 10:30 - Work Group Reports

Reports of Work Groups with particular emphasis on Steps suggested for extending and improving Y.M.C.A. services among non-whites

10:45 12:15 A Symposium on Interracial Developments in:

Business
The Church
Government
Housing
Industry and Labor
Public Services
Recreation and Sports

Discussion to follow Symposium

What significance have these developments for interracial advance in the Y.M.C.A.?

2:00 GENERAL SESSION — J. Carey Taylor, Chairman

Improving Interracial Practices in the Young Men's Christian Associations

2:00 3:00 - Presentation: Progress now being made in the Y.M.C.A. ....

- Presentation: Some Existing Problems Faced in the Y.M.C.A. ....

3:00 5:00 WORK GROUP SESSION - (By Areas and States)

What are the jobs ahead in our Areas and States?

6:30 Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, February 7

A.M.			
9:00		GENERAL SESSION	Campbell C. Johnson, Chairman
9:00	9:30	- Devotional Period	Dr. Robert Fay, Rector, Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio
9:30	10:15	- Reports of Saturday Afternoon Work Groups	
10:15	11:00	- Summary of Consultation	J. E. Sproul and Panel
11:00		- Closing Statement	J. A. Urice
		ADJOURNMENT	
12:15		Luncheon Meeting -- National Study Commission on Interracial Practices in the Y.M.C.A.	

SOME CONCERNS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON INTERRACIAL WORK OF THE Y.M.C.A.

I. Where do we stand?

Look objectively at recent progress and new developments in interracial work within the Y.M.C.A. and outside of the "Y," and identify specific concerns and objectives for the Y.M.C.A. in the next decade.

1. Progress outside and its implications for the Y.M.C.A.

2. Recent and new developments within the Y.M.C.A.
    a) At what points has progress been greatest?
    b) At what points has progress been weakest?
    c) Identify any new developments of special significance

3. Implications for Y.M.C.A. advance
    a) Validate specific concerns. For example:
        - Is progress within the Y.M.C.A. any better than progress outside? Are Y.M.C.A.'s participating adequately in community efforts to improve race relations?
        - Are segregated branches in the North continuing and increasing in number?
        - Do we seek full integration or something less that preserves racial identify and its virtues? How much do our segregated branches want to give as well as receive? Is there danger that racial groups could be "integrated out" of the Y.M.C.A.?
        - Is the leadership of the Y.M.C.A. failing to assume sufficient active responsibility for continuous advance in interracial work?
        - To what extent are race laws and local mores real barriers to interracial progress within the Y.M.C.A.? Do social activities within "Y" program present special barriers?

    b) Identify points of great promise or greatest urgency in promoting the interracial work of the Y.M.C.A. by considering the following:
        - Associations which are now serving racial groups deliberately and purposefully
        - Associations which are giving only token services
        - Associations which are not now serving racial groups
        - places where new Associations are being organized, or might be organized
        - the "unorganized field"

II. How can we stimulate new progress?

Out of the foregoing analyses and their implications formulate specific conclusions and recommendations which will point to new advances in the interracial work of the Y.M.C.A.

1. Clarifying our objective (by reference to 3(a) above)
    a) Relation of the "Y" to community, state and nation in interracial advance

- b) Leadership responsibility in general
- c) Status of branches which serve a racial group predominantly or altogether
- d) Recognition of laws and mores
- e) Definition of "integration" ("in" and not "out")
- f) Validity of special concessions for participants from racial groups, such as, reduced fees or other exceptions from general policy

2. Defining responsibilities (recognising limitations also)
    - a) at national level
    - b) at area and state level
    - c) at local level

3. Identifying specific ways and means to advance
    - a) Increased use of laymen from racial groups
        - as members of boards and committees at all three levels
        - as participants and leaders in all Y.M.C.A. meetings at all three levels

    - b) Wider use of secretaries from racial groups
        - in local Associations and branches other than those serving primarily a racial group
            - as department secretaries
            - as branch executives
            - as general secretaries
        - on area and state staffs
        - in National Council professional positions in addition to Program Services and Student Department
        - increased recruitment of qualified young men from racial groups into the Y.M.C.A. secretaryship

    - c) Obtaining better acceptance of field services without regard to race
        - white secretaries to Negro Associations
        - Negro secretaries to white Associations

4. Primary and ultimate focal points
    - a) On each individual leader wherever he may be serving
    - b) On all leaders constituting the total leadership of the Y.M.C.A. in the United States
        - How obtain maximum leadership acceptance of responsibility for new advances in the interracial work of the Y.M.C.A.?

III. Recommendation to the Movement

Recommend to the Movement certain definite goals, with specific reference to ways of achieving these goals.

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College Box 1180
Berea, Kentucky
December 5, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We are making plans now for your visit to Berea on December 17, and were wondering if you could send us an engraver's cut of your portrait and biographical information for use by the weekly campus newspaper. We will need these immediately.

We will try to let you know just what meetings we would like you to be in by the middle of the week. Mr. Giffin will no doubt want you for a classroom visit with him in the Sociology Department if it can be arranged, and perhaps there will be others.

Very truly yours,

Louis Miles

Louis Miles
President YMCA, Berea College

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Sent engraver's plate

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College Box 1180
Berea, Kentucky
January 6, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
The Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We in the YM-YW wish to say "Thank You" for your visit in Berea on December 17. We here feel that much thought was stimulated in the Y meeting as well as your classroom appointments.

We hope that you may again visit our campus in the near future, and until that time we wish you every success in your work.

Sincerely,

BEREA COLLEGE YMCA-YWCA

Lou Miles

Louis Miles
YM Pres.

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December first, 1953

Mr Louis Miles
President
Berea College Y M C A
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr Miles:

Sorry there had to be so many telegrams back and forth.

It is all right with me to go and I am holding it open on the books. If I go, I will expect to drive up and carry Mrs Mitchell with me. My scheme would be to reach the Boone Tavern the evening of the sixteenth and be at your command all day the seventeenth and drive home the eighteenth.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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TO: DR MITCHELL

FROM: E S T

Your calendar shows no engagement for the seventeenth of December; nor for the days immediately before or after that date. The closest engagement seems to be the CIO date at Rock Hill with Father Shean, December 13.

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WOULD LIKE YOU TO DISCUSS SEGREGATION IN EDUCATION HERE THURSDAY DECEMBER 17TH 6:30 P.M. IF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. PLEASE WIRE COLLECT NIGHT LETTER IF THIS DATE SUITABLE. PERHAPS ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH COLLEGE HERE FOR SHARING EXPENSES INVOLVING EXTRA APPOINTMENT EARLIER SAME DAY=

LOUIS MILES, PRESIDENT BEREA COLLEGE YMCA=..

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MR LOUIS MILES
PRESIDENT BEREA COLLEGE YMCA
BEREA KENTUCKY

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December 10, 1953

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter suggesting the names of people you might be contacted for our forthcoming Consultation on Interracial Work of the Y.M.C.A. This information has been given to the people on the Program Committee.

I wish that this project could be included on your agenda for attendance.

Under separate cover, I am sending you 25 copies of the announcement. It may be that you would agree to include these in your letters to interested people.

Sincerely yours,

Leo B Marsh
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INTERRACIAL WORK OF THE Y.M.C.A.

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February 5, 6, 7, 1954

Sponsored by:

THE NATIONAL STUDY COMMISSION ON
INTERRACIAL PRACTICES IN THE Y.M.C.A.

Program

PROVIDING SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

The daily devotional message will be led by Dr. Robert Fay, Rector, Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio.

GETTING A FACTUAL BASE

There will be presentations and discussions on:

— *The Position of Non-whites in American Life*

— *Present Y.M.C.A. Work Among Negroes and Other Non-whites*

— *Interracial Developments Outside the Y.M.C.A.*

in the fields of:

Business
The Church
Education
Government

Housing
Industry and Labor
Public Accommodations
Recreation and Sports

LOCATING THE PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

The Consultation will be divided into Work Groups, each giving particular attention to an examination of the problems which Y.M.C.A.'s face in serving non-whites and identifying steps which will advance Y.M.C.A. services to non-whites.

Representatives will meet by areas and states for one period to discuss:

(a) What are the jobs ahead in particular areas and states?

(b) What are the steps which areas and states may take to accomplish these goals?

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To Y.M.C.A. Leaders:

Leaders of Y.M.C.A.'s throughout the United States are invited to attend a consultation in Columbus, Ohio, February 5 - 7, 1954 to give consideration to the interracial work of the Y.M.C.A. and to improvement of Y.M.C.A. work among Negroes and other non-whites.

The National Study Commission on Interracial Practices in the Y.M.C.A. is sponsoring this consultation as part of its assignment from the Program Committee of the National Board.

The Study Commission believes that interracial advance and improvement of Y.M.C.A. work among Negroes and other non-whites are not only attainable, but most urgent goals. Y.M.C.A. leaders with concerns, convictions, and interests in this important area of work are called upon to attend this consultation and help to develop methods and strategy for meeting our responsibility.

During the three days in Columbus, attention will be concentrated upon:

1. Reviewing and studying the progress that has been made inside the Y.M.C.A. in interracial services and work with Negroes and other non-whites.

2. Giving objective attention to the problems and opportunities in this area of work faced by local Y.M.C.A.'s.

3. Developing plans for extending and improving the interracial services and work among non-whites throughout the Y.M.C.A.

Vivian C. McCollom

Vivian C. McCollom, Chairman
National Study Commission on Interracial Practices in the Y. M. C. A.

December 1, 1953

Leadership

In addition to members of the National Study Commission, leaders will include: members of the National Board, members of local boards, local general secretaries and branch executives, area and state secretaries.

Among the leaders from the National Board staff will be: Jay A. Urice, J. E. Sproul, and Russell Rymer.

Specialists from leadership outside the Y.M.C.A. will be used as speakers and consultants.

Registration and Housing

Registration fee is $12.00, which includes the Fellowship Dinner. Registration card and fee should be mailed to: Chalmer J. Dyer, General Secretary, Y.M.C.A., 40 West Long Street, Columbus 15, Ohio. Kindly make checks payable to: National Board of Y.M.C.A.'s.

Mail your hotel reservation request to: Deshler Hilton Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

Purpose

— To assist delegates in understanding the position of Negroes and other non-whites in American life and current developments in interracial advance.

— To examine the present work of the Y.M.C.A. in its service to Negroes and other non-whites.

— To plan for the improvement of Y.M.C.A. services to Negroes and other non-whites.

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December 18, 1953

Mrs Anna D Kelly
163 President Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mrs Kelly:

I was greatly distressed not to arrive at your home as I had so looked forward to doing. The airport people called me late in the afternoon and said everything was fogged in and they had to cancel the plane I was getting out to Knoxville. I had to be in Knoxville the next morning so I got myself to the bus station and got an overnight slow-poke bus to Knoxville and performed the next morning - a bit sleeplessly!

You started a whole lot of things with your discussion groups and I am sorry I did not get a chance to talk to you. Also, I brought you home a bit earlier than you had planned from the Cantata.

I do hope that an occasion will arise to bring me to Charleston again soon and I will have the chance to talk to you that I missed on this visit.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 25, 1953

Mr. George Mitchell, Executive Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

For sometime now I have been looking for enough time to think through what we have done and to see where we are going so that I could send in a progress report. At this time things are not too bright.

Mrs. Oglesby, our Public Affairs chairman, is a very capable person and if she would, could do a very good job. At this time she is not doing what she could. At the group meetings she has been coming in late or sending excuses; actions which lead me to believe she is not interested, although she says that she feels it is important.

Many organizations said that they were interested and sent representatives. We have not had too much help in accepting job responsibilities, when they are accepted they are not carried through to completion.

A letter was sent to a member of the county delegation asking if he would recommend a Negro for appointment to the school board. The delegation recommended that three persons whose terms expired in 1951 be reappointed, saying they had served well for many years.

A letter was sent to the chairman of the school board asking if we might send an observer to the meetings of the school board and there has been no reply.

Radio station WCSC has made fifteen minutes available for interpretative programs, but nothing must be said that suggest that we favor integr~~eg~~ation. We can say this is the problem, what are we going to do about it? Which means it takes a little more time to prepare scripts. Organizations havenot taken the time. I don't feel it would be wise for

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me to prepare all of the material. We have had three programs "This is Our Problem"; Some Reactions of Southern Newsapaper Editors"; and The Church and Social Action." The radio station did not receive any favorable comments, but one irate listener called to say we did not need any thing like that here. They expected many others tobe displeased. Inclusion of material such as McGill's editorial on the ban on segregation in catholic churches would not be accepted, because many people dislike catholics and don't want to hear what they are doing .

We invited school principals to our last meeting, not any came. A letter is in preparation for them about the problem asking if they would consider what is involved, and discuss it with us.

The NAACP sponsored a county - wide rally to raise funds for their case. Speaking on the program were two college students giving their views on segregation and desegregation. The meeting was well attended.

There have been letters to the editor by white people saying that segregation is wrong.

The News and Courier had three articles on the problem. It pointed out many errors in the present system, but the writer felt that the problem lies in making Negroes understand that segregation is best for them.

We hope there will be more tangable evidence of good in the very near future. I enjoy reading of the progress in other areas.

Sincerely yours,

Anna D. Kelly

Mrs. A.D.Kelly,
Executive Director

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June - 1950	Three Decisions	Dec 52	Sup. Ct Consid - Seg -
Sept-Oct '50	Why Atl. School Suit?	Feb. 53	SC. Amndt.
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July '51	Open Letter 3 Gov -		
Aug-51	New Trend - Prvt. Coll -		
Nov-51	M. Wright at SC -		
Mar.-Apr. '52 N.	Miami Human Rel -		
May-52-	Changing Patterns		

October 8, 1953

Miss Dorothy I. Height
Leadership Services
National Board, YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue,
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Height:

Dr. Mitchell is our of town all of this week. Since you wanted the Council's material on the schools, and there would be so long a delay in any reply which he could send, I am taking the liberty of sending you this material.

I send you separately a pamphlet "Wanted: An Educated South" published in 1947 and based on the 1940 census figures. Some of it may still be pertinent. In addition I have included all the issues of NEW SOUTH dealing in any way with education. These were issued between June, 1950 and July 1953. You have the latest "Questions and Answers" one so that is not sent. The next issue of NEW SOUTH which should be out next week, is a checklist for use by local groups in their study of the white and Negro schools. I'll send a copy of that as soon as it is available.

Dr. Mitchell will probably have suggestions to send you when he is back.

I'm glad that I can still keep in touch with the YWCA and know what is going on. Sounds as if things are going well. Do come and see us in Atlanta some day - I'd like to hear about India and your other activities.

Let us know if we can be helpful - whenever.

Best wishes,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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October 6, 1953

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

In an effort to help YWCA leadership develop program to aid in increased understanding whatever the Supreme Court decision in the public school cases we are including in a program guide what we hope will be helpful material. As I am to work on this assignment, I find that it would be extremely valuable to have in hand copies of whatever material the Southern Regional Council has developed.

I have your Questions and Answers - the discussion aid and of course, general information about the cases. We want to be able to describe some of the sources of help to Associations in our program book. Would it be possible for you to send to me whatever materials you feel would be essential for those who want to give leadership in the important days ahead.

We are most appreciative ofthe quality of the contribution which the Southern Regional Council has made and is making in the country today. Whatever you find it possible to do on this request will be readily appreciated and used to the best of our ability.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Height

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January 7, 1954

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

The National Study Commission on Interracial Practices in the Y.M.C.A. is sponsoring a National Consultation on Interracial Work of the Y.M.C.A. at the Deshler Hilton Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, February 5-7. It is expected that 200 leaders from Y.M.C.A.'s throughout the United States will be in attendance.

The program committee for the Consultation has made provisions for the distribution and display of literature related to interracial and intercultural problems and developments in the general field of problems of minority groups.

The Study Commission will be happy to provide for the distribution of any literature from your organization. Such literature should be mailed to:

National Consultation on Interracial Work of the Y.M.C.A.
Deshler Hilton Hotel -- Columbus, Ohio
Attention: Leo B. Marsh

If you should decide to send literature for distribution, I would appreciate a note from you addressed to me at this office.

Sincerely yours,

Leo B Marsh
Leo B. Marsh

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Miss Stoney.

Thanks for the note & the kind invitation —

My wife & I would like to join now.

Her name is Viola C.
& mine is Alfred C.

Perhaps our Pitt. address will suffice until June —

Sincerely
Al Payne

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

January 25, 1954

Mr. Al. Payne
University of Pittsburgh YMCA
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

Dear Mr. Payne:

At the request of Mr. Sam R. Slie of the Regional Student YMCA office here I am sending you some copies of the Council's publication, NEW SOUTH. Mr. Slie thought you would be interested in our publication since you are to be living in the South once again.

We will be happy to have you as a member of the Southern Regional Council. The Council's members are representative of business, education, religious and labor and service people who are interested in an equal opportunity for all of our people in the region. Membership dues are $3.00 per year for single and $4.00 per year for husband and wife. If you do not wish to be a member but merely to receive NEW SOUTH, the subscription rate is $1.50 per year.

Why not come over for a visit with us when you get to Atlanta? We would be most happy to have you and to give you what we can of information about ourselves and about the progress being made in the South.

Sincerely,
Katherine Stoney
Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON INTERRACIAL WORK OF THE Y. M. C. A.

DESHLER HILTON HOTEL
COLUMBUS, OHIO

February 5, 6, 7, 1954

Friday, February 5

8:30- 9:15 —Complete Registration

9:30-10:15 —OPENING SESSION—Col. Campbell C. Johnson, presiding

Devotional Message—Dr. Robert W. Fay

The Purpose of the Consultation—Col. Campbell C. Johnson

Presentation of Agenda and Program Objectives—Lawrence J. MacGregor

10:15-12:00 —*Establishing a Factual Base for the Consultation*

The Position of Non-whites in American Life—Dr. Charles S. Johnson

Y.M.C.A. Work Among Negroes and Other Non-whites—P. L. Prattis

What are the Implications of These Facts for the Y.M.C.A.?—Russell Rymer, Discussion Leader

12:15 —Buffet Luncheon

2:00- 2:45 —GENERAL SESSION—Col. Campbell C. Johnson, presiding

Statement and Discussion: The Picture of Non-white Professional Personnel in the Y.M.C.A.—Richard Richards

Areas of Concern for Work Groups and Assignments—J. Robert Knight

Friday—Continued

3:00- 5:00 —FIRST WORK GROUP SESSION

What are the problems?

(Each Work Group to give particular attention to an examination of the problems which Y.M.C.A.'s face in serving non-whites)

Work Groups:

1. Metropolitan Cities
2. Smaller Cities and Towns
3. Y.M.C.A. Conference Centers (Silver Bay, Estes Park, Blue Ridge, etc.)
4. Y.M.C.A. Colleges and Training Centers
5. Student Y.M.C.A.'s
6. Armed Services Y.M.C.A.'s
7. Services of Areas and States

7:30- 9:30 —SECOND WORK GROUP SESSION

Extending and Strengthening Y.M.C.A. Services to Non-whites

What are the next steps for advance?

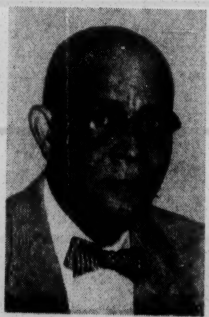
(Each Work Group will give particular attention to identifying the steps which will advance Y.M.C.A. services among non-whites)

Work Group structure and leadership same as for First Work Group session.

Theo. P. Beasley

Harold F. Brigham

Elmer A. Carter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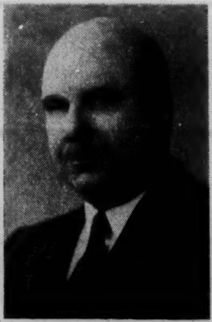
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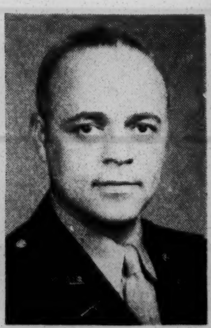
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Saturday, February 6

9:00-10:00 —GENERAL SESSION—Col. Campbell C. Johnson, presiding

Devotional Message—Dr. Robert W. Fay

Report of Friday's Work Groups by Discussion Leader of each Work Group—J. Edward Sproul, Discussion Leader

10:00-12:30 —SYMPOSIUM—Lawrence J. MacGregor, Chairman

Interracial Developments Outside the Y.M.C.A. in:

Business, Employment, and Government —Elmer A. Carter

The Church and Education—Dr. Frank Loescher

Housing—Joseph D. Ray

Industry, Labor, and Public Services—Ted F. Silvey

What significance have these developments for interracial advance in the Y.M.C.A.?

2:00- 3:30 —GENERAL SESSION—Theo. P. Beasley, presiding

Improving Interracial Practices in the Y.M.C.A.

Progress Now Being Made in the Y.M.C.A.—Dr. L. K. Hall

Some Existing Problems Faced by the Y.M.C.A.—R. L. Dickinson

Discussion—Dr. Arthur L. Swift, Discussion Leader

Saturday—Continued

3:45- 5:00 —THIRD WORK GROUP SESSION—(by Areas and States)

What are the jobs ahead in our Areas and States?

6:30 —Fellowship Dinner—Dr. J. Gordon Howard, Chairman

Folk Songs — George Campbell, Song Leader

Oriental Songs and Dances—International House Group, Ohio State University

Statement—Vivian C. McCollom, Chairman, Program Committee of the National Board

Sunday, February 7

9:00-10:30 —GENERAL SESSION—Col. Campbell C. Johnson, presiding

Devotional Message—Dr. Robert W. Fay

Final Report of Work Groups—Work Group Discussion Leaders

10:30-12:00 —CLOSING SESSION

Summary of Consultation—J. Edward Sproul

Where Do We Go From Here?—Jay A. Urice

12:00 —ADJOURNMENT

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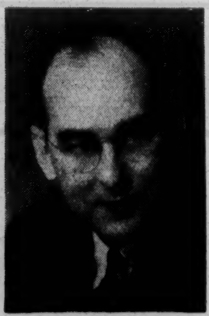
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Purpose

—To assist delegates in understanding the position of Negroes and other non-whites in American life and current developments in interracial advance.

—To examine the present work of the Y.M.C.A. in its service to Negroes and other non-whites.

—To plan for the improvement of Y.M.C.A. services to Negroes and other non-whites.

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February 26, 1954

Dr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

I regret exceedingly that due to the lack of a Professional Worker in the Public Relations Office, we have made a serious error in not having written you for the very splendid address you made at the meeting of the Hungry Club sometime ago.

As the Executive of the institution, I must take full responsibility because I should have checked it before now. However, I am apologizing to you for having failed to write and hope that you will accept this apology.

We do appreciate very much your having given of your time and talent and your meeting was one of the finest that we have had.

We sincerely hope that you will find it possible to come back again at some future time, as the entire group has asked that you do so.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane
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Executive Secretary

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April 19, 1954

Mrs. Savilla Simons
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Mary Jane Willett

I can't tell you how good it is to have your letter go out to our Associations in the region and I should like to say especially to Mrs. Macy how much I appreciate the way in which you reported the decision of the National Board to the regional conference in Dallas.

I am enclosing a letter which I am sending to Dr. George Mitchell letting him know what use has been made of the material prepared by the Southern Regional Council. I am not sure whether you have heard that after a long wait the Countil has been assured of a grant from the Ford Foundation of $240,000. All of us who have used so freely and confidentially the material produced by the Council are glad and reassured by the news.

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April 22, 1954

Miss Mary Jane Willett
National Board
YWCA
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mary Jane:

We are very grateful indeed for the ve
much which you and the whole YW did to get c
lation and understanding of QUESTIONS AND AN
and the CHECK-LIST. So very nice to get real
cooperation and response in this difficult j
building ahead of time.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 20, 1954

Miss Dorothy Takechi
YWCA, National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Takechi:

We are preparing a pamphlet which was scheduled for publication May 16 (simultaneously with the Ashmore Report), but we have now decided to hold it until after the Court's decision (if rendered at this term of Court), so I don't know when it comes out. But we will be sure that you get a copy.

It will briefly run through the Ashmore Report (The Negro and the Schools, Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press, May 16, 1954. $1.00); analyse the decision (if available!); and offer suggestions to Southern communities on how to proceed to comply with the law.

A Miss Grambs, with the NCCJ (call their New York office for information) is doing a pamphlet on actual means of desegregating schools, with detailed instructions. Quite good, and about to come out.

The Public Affairs Committee in New York is getting out a boil-down of the Ashmore Report on May 16. Call them for a copy.

When and if we get something in print on the Church Leader Visits I'll be sure to send you one.

Many thanks for all YW help. Good solid people.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. George S. Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

It has come to my attention that you are preparing a new publication dealing with the public school segregation and what communities can do to effect desegregation.

As we are currently planning program content for the three centers of learning for YWCA staff, as noted on the enclosed brochure, it seems to us that this particular pamphlet will be one which staff members will find especially helpful as they work in their local communities to effect understanding and encouragement regarding segregation and the public schools. Will it be possible to receive a copy in time for the first Seminar at Kellogg Center, which will start on May 27th?

As Mary Jane Willett, Correlator of the Southern Region has written, we have distributed copies of Questions and Answers and the Check List to each of our local Associations. Too, we have prepared program material to be used by all 1954 YWCA summer conference which give specific instructions on the uses of the two pamphlets. We hope that by this method, they will be put to maximum use.

Al Kramer of the National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A. tells me that you are planning to reprint copies of the Southern field visitation reports on the experiences of their staff as they worked in local communities to establish discussion and action groups on public school desegregation. Will it be possible to receive copies?

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Takechi

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May 21, 1954

Miss Rosalie Oakes
c/o Miss Dorothy Wilson
19 Burbank Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rosalie:

I divide people into two classes. Those who when called on to help in a good cause wobble and wither and draw down out of touch, and those who say yes and go to work and get the job done. In all of these years we have worked together at these things I have never asked you to do a job and found you to wobble or to wither or to draw down out of sight! Quite on the contrary you smile and ask questions enough to find out just what it is and help hard.

Austin and UT will be mighty lucky to get you!

Warmest welcome back in Atlanta whenever you come!

And things being what they are, you will find me reaching out to Austin to ask you to stand up and not wobble and do some more jobs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 12, 1954

Dear Friend:

The Southern Region office of the National Student YWCA regrets that Rosalie Oakes will be leaving the staff at the end of this academic year. Rosalie is going to Texas where she will be Executive Secretary of the YWCA at the University of Texas in Austin.

Since it will be impossible for us to collect all her many friends together at one place to show our appreciation for her tremendous contribution to the region, we decided to present her with a book of greetings from many of her friends. As one who has known Rosalie, we ask you to send a note, card or some written means of expression which we may put in a book and present to her before she departs.

Rosalie will be leaving the region about the 20th of June when she goes to California to work with the YM-YWCA Leadership Training School. We would appreciate receiving your message no later than June 1st so that we can give them to her before she leaves. Please mail them to me at 19 Burbank Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Sincerely,

Doris V. Wilson

Doris Wilson
National Student Secretary
Southern Region YWCA

May 31, 1954

Mr. Samuel N. Slie
708 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Slie:

Nice of you to send the population and planning dope that Gladden did. Most interest, and I enjoyed reading it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SOUTHERN AREA STUDENT COUNCIL
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Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

At the meeting of the Southern Area Council of Y.M.C.A.'s in March, Dr. James Gladden delivered the enclosed discussion. It has seemed to me that the scope and content were of a nature which you would find of real interest in relation to the kind of work in which the Southern Regional Council is involved. I am, therefore, forwarding this copy to you for your information.

If there are any observations which you would like to make on the contents, I am sure that Dr. Gladden and Mr. Charles Wharton would appreciate any insights you would share with them.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Slie

Samuel N. Slie
ASSOCIATE AREA SECRETARY

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June 14, 1954

Miss Dorothy Takechi
Young Women's Christian Association
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600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Takechi:

Here's a copy of an article I finished the other day for the Journal of Negro Education -- forthcoming in a couple of weeks. It will be a handy way of passing on my suggestion for the meeting of June 23rd.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
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June 7, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., N.E. - Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of May 20th which was helpful and informative as to publications now in preparation and planned for future release. We are suggesting that each YWCA purchase a copy of the Ashmore report, study the findings and become well-prepared in order to take proper action.

Very shortly, we are planning a wide distribution of the Supreme Court decision to Student and Community Associations, Young Adult and Y-Teen summer conferences, YWCA Summer School and other agency centers of learning. We hope to prepare a discussion guide as a companion piece to stimulate study of the decision. Do you know of any such guide which is available at this time?

On June 23rd we are tentatively scheduling an informal consultation in New York City with a small group of individuals, agency and church representatives to help us see how the YWCA might plan its work to be most effective in the desegregation process. We will be very appreciative of any insights or suggestions which you might give us at this point.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Takechi

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June 17, 1954

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
The Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

Honored to speak to the Hungry Club on September 29th.

Meanwhile, whenever the two of us are in town, we can talk further about planning the whole series.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
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My dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Hungry Club Executive Committee had a meeting last night and drew up a tentative program for the Fall and Winter to begin September 29, 1954. The Committee also decided to prepare another brochure and in order to do this, it is necessary to do considerable planning as we did last summer.

In discussing the broad outline which the 54-55 Series is to take, it was decided that perhaps two or three weeks should be devoted to the general topic of Human Relations with emphasis upon approaches to be made in implementing the Supreme Court's Decision outlawing segregation in the public schools. We are very anxious to help in interpretation and education but would want to do it from the standpoint of inter-racial cooperation rather than from the single point of view of one race.

Because your Council is undertaking a major phase of this interpretation under the Ford Foundation Grant, the Committee felt that this introductory Series of two, three, or four Sessions might be planned with your cooperation, bringing a different speaker each week who would participate in the series which we hope will be attended by both Whites and Negroes. It could definitely begin with you if you are available on that date and then relying on your advice and guidance, we could set up the three or four other Forums to run consecutively on October 6th, 13th, and 20th. This may not be feasible as you may not be in a position to suggest leadership at this time, but in any event we would like to know whether you would be available for the first in the series and then if you see any merit in the committee's planning, I would appreciate your so informing me.

As we are to have another meeting of the Committee within a week or ten days, I would like to get your reaction as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary

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June 24, 1954

Mr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The copy of your article "Next Steps in the South" forth-coming in the Journal of Negro Education, is indeed welcome. I have read it carefully and listed the suggestions you have made for laying the groundwork ("operation log across the creek"), educative processes which need to be worked out for attitude changes, action which should be encouraged nationally to combine similar organizational groups which are working separately and need far greater "occupational and professional linkages." Too, your insights into the current political phase of the situation plus the deep feelings of persons involved, is very helpful as we reappraise and consider the things which the YWCA should be about.

We have decided to postpone our meeting until the fall. If you are planning to be in New York City this fall, please do let us know for we would like very much to meet with you.

We are very greatful for your help and support.

Sincerely yours,
Dorothy Takechi
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January 25, 1954

Mr. Al. Payne
University of Pittsburgh YMCA
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

Dear Mr. Payne:

At the request of Mr. Sam R. Slie of the Regional Student YMCA office here I am sending you some copies of the Council's publication, NEW SOUTH. Mr. Slie thought you would be interested in our publication since you are to be living in the South once again.

We will be happy to have you as a member of the Southern Regional Council. The Council's members are representative of business, education, religious and labor and service people who are interested in an equal opportunity for all of our people in the region. Membership dues are $3.00 per year for single and $4.00 per year for husband and wife. If you do not wish to be a member but merely to receive NEW SOUTH, the subscription rate is $1.50 per year.

Why not come over for a visit with us when you get to Atlanta? We would be most happy to have you and to give you what we can of information about ourselves and about the progress being made in the South.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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August 25, 1954

Miss Dorothy Takechi
YWCA, National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Takechi:

Our tickler system is subject to an occasional delay, but in the end it is infallible. So it turns up, belatedly, our plan of May 20 to send you a copy of our new pamphlet Answers for Action: The Schools in the South.

I do hope you will like it and that the YW will use it.

It has been quite popular.

It contains the Ashmore report; gives the Court's decision; tells things to do; and prints a helpful map. $15.00 a hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 15, 1954

Call ltr of 5/20/54 to Miss Dorothy Takechi to attention of GSM

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Aug 15.

May 20, 1954

Miss Dorothy Takechi
YWCA, National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Takechi:

We are preparing a pamphlet which was scheduled for publication May 16 (simultaneously with the Ashmore Report), but we have now decided to hold it until after the Court's decision (if rendered at this term of Court), so I don't know when it comes out. But we will be sure that you get a copy.

It will briefly run through the Ashmore Report (The Negro and the Schools, Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press, May 16, 1954. $1.00); analyse the decision (if available!); and offer suggestions to Southern communities on how to proceed to comply with the law.

A Miss Grambs, with the NCCJ (call their New York office for information) is doing a pamphlet on actual means of desegregating schools, with detailed instructions. Quite good, and about to come out.

The Public Affairs Committee in New York is getting out a boil-down of the Ashmore Report on May 16. Call them for a copy.

When and if we get something in print on the Church Leader Visits I'll be sure to send you one.

Many thanks for all YW help. Good solid people.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 30, 1954

Dr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

May I take this opportunity of expressing our grateful appreciation for the very splendid address you gave at the Hungry Club at the Butler Street YMCA.

We have had a great many favorable comments, both from the audience and from those who heard your address on station WERD. In every way, it was an outstanding one and a very timely one.

We appreciate sincerely, your giving of your time and effort to do this job for us and the community, and we sincerely hope also that we may list you as one whom we can call on again at some future time.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane

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Executive Secretary

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MEMBER AGENCY GREATER ATLANTA COMMUNITY CHEST

Ltr. mailed to Holmes Hall

October 1, 1954

Mrs. Sarah Dickey Ennis
Louisiana State University
Y.W.C.A.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Ennis:

Suppose I meet you at the front door of Holmes Hall, 4:30 p.m., Sunday, October 3rd. I will have a car over there and I can take you home to supper and get you to the train. So have your bags packed and we can throw them in the back of the car.

If you need to communicate with me on Saturday or Sunday, I will be at home raking leaves, and the telephone there is Dearborn 5961.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 29, 1954

Dr. George Mitchell, Exec. Dir.
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am planning to be in Atlanta this weekend to attend the Council Meeting of the Southern Region YWCA, and while I am there, I should like to talk with you about plans for the Louisiana State Student YM-YW Conference. which is to be in Baton Rouge, Nove. 21,22.

I am to be the executive of that conference, and the planning committee has not yet met, but I have an idea they might like to explore the matter of race relations in come helpful and meaningful way. If you could talk with me I think we could work out a plan that would be extremely attractive to them.

The state conference usually brings about 40 Negro and 40 white students from Louisiana Colleges together, and we hope to have an overnight or 1½ day conference. In view of the Court Decision, and the action of the Louisiana Legislature, I can envision a most impressive and dynamic occasion that would radically influence the attitudes of those present.

Our council adgenda is completely full, but we are scheduled to adjourn at 4:15 Sunday. My train leaves at 7:15, and I should like to talk with you between these hours.

I shall call you Saturday morning, and perhaps we can arrange a meeting. We shall be staying at Clark College.

Holmes Hall
Alpine 0279

Sincerely,

Sarah Dickey Ennis

Sarah Dickey Ennis
Exec. Dir. YWCA

McCalley

I first met Lois Gratz in 1935 when she was doing a rural social case work job for a New Deal Agricultural Re-Settlement Project near Bishopville, South Carolina. In a welter of confusion, she had policy, sound knowledge of the people, and purpose, courage and good judgement. I have known her off and on in her various capacities since.

One of her strong points is that she catches and carries soundly the best purposes of her administrative superiors. That quality, coupled with imagination, information, ingenuity, and drive, make her uniquely valuable in any organization. Good judgement, good in community relations, reproachless in every personal relationship. No faults that I know of.

The point is that given a job to do, she never sinks to the level of the complacent non-compliance which so often surrounds the local office. Lois makes it move the way it should.

Executive Director 10/8/54

Southern Regional Council 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

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Dr. George Mitchell
Director, Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We are bringing up to date the record of Miss Lois Gratz of our staff. She has given us your name as a person who knows of her work with the Housing Authority. We are particularly interested in her skills as a writer, editor and administrator, and in her general skills in publications. We would appreciate your evaluation of Miss Gratz. Will you use the enclosed form, making particular reference to the skills mentioned.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Hazel McCalley
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October 25, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We are delighted that you can be at the Louisiana State YMCA-YWCA conference, and we will of course be happy to take care of your travel expense.

The planning committee has met several times, and the results of their thinking may be seen on the proposed outline of the conference. As you can see, there are several big spots which we have assigned to you, and we have no directives to give you for these hours.

I will be in Atlanta again this weekend, attending the Southern Regional Planning Committee meeting for the Blue Rigge Conference, and my business will be over at noon Sunday. We will be meeting at Atlanta University. I plan to spend Monday in Atlanta shopping, and could conveniently come by your office Monday morning, November 1. Then we could be more specific about program details.

I will call you office sometime Friday afternoon to see if you can talk with me about the conference, and so I will not go into further detail in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Dickey Ennis

Sarah Dickey Ennis
Exec. Dir. YWCA

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George Mitchell

Louisiana StateConference
Nov. 13, 14

Saturday, November 13

Morning Session, Gene Thomas, Presiding

8:30 -9:30 Registration and Get acquainted
(Fee is $2.00, Glen and Helen McNervins in charge of registration.
Rec. com. with Amy Ruth, etc)

9:30- 9:40 Worship (Gene Thomas)

9:40-9:50 General Intro. to the conference

9:50-10:15 Skit or Role Playing situation (Dickey Responsible)

10:15-11:30 Dr. George Mitchell: Follow-up and speech: Questions and answers

11:30-12:30 Lunch

Afternoon Session, Mary Etta Crockett, presiding

12:30-1:30 Workshops

A. George Mitchell-- Findings of the Ford Foundation Study - Ashmore

B. Doris Wilson*- Role of the Y in Intergration

C. Al Payne --"How intergration in school will lead to intergration in other areas"

D. Hollis Hayward -- Intergration as a political football

1:30-1:45
Coke break

1:45-2:30 YMCA and YWCA Sessions (Doris and Al Responsible)

2:30-3:30 Recreation (Amy Ruth Elliot and Responsible)

3:30-4:15 Workshops repeated

4:15-4:30 Closing session

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Morning Session, Mary Etta Crockett, presiding

9:00-9:30 Coffee and Doughnuts
9:30-9:35 Worship
9:35-10-30 George Mitchell (Buzz sessions)
10:30-12:00 Group Singing (Who to lead?)
11:00-12:00 Morning Worship Ed Kennedy, responsible

12-1:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session, Gene Thomas Presiding

1-2:00 Film with a reviewing panel from Southern
2:00-3:00 Summary, George Mitchell and worshop people , leading
3:00-3:30 Summary. Closing plenary session and closing prayers.

Keith Parchment

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INTEGRATION IN EDUCATION

Louisiana State Y Conference

Nov 13-14
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Morning Session — Gene Thomas, presiding

8:30-9:30	Registration and Get Acquainted
9:30-9:40	Worship
9:40-10:15	Role Playing Skit
10:13-11:30	Dr. George Mitchell with follow up and question period
11:30-12:30	Lunch

Afternoon Session — Mary Etta Crockett, presiding

12:30-1:30	YMCA and YWCA Sessions with Al Payne and Doris Wilson
1:30-2:30	Recreation with Amy Ruth Elliott
2:30-4:15	Workshop with Dr. George Mitchell "Investigation of the Schools of XYZ Parish" 1. Answers for Action-- A Manuel for Detectives 2. Facts of Podunk Parish--A case file
4:15-4:30	Closing session

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Morning Session — Mary Etta Crockett, presiding

9:00-9:30	Coffee and Doughnuts
9:30-9:35	Morning Prayers
9:35-10:30	Summary of Workshop with Dr. George Mitchell
10:30-11:00	Group Singing
11:00-12:00	Morning Worship with Dean Ed Kennedy

Afternoon Session — Gene Thomas, presiding

1:00-2:00	Panel on the Relationship of this conference to our YMCAs and YWCAs. Al Payne, Moderator, Hollis Hayward, Ed Kennedy, Gene Thomas, Helen McNervins
2:00-2:30	Closing plenary for business and prayer.

be sure to come

ROLE PLAYING SKIT

The Situation

Scene I

The ideas is born in the mind of a Negro Woman that something can be done to assist in implementing the Supreme Court Decision. She realizes that the ruling of the Court is not cause for relaxing on declared principles, but it is an incentive for courageous action. She believes that if the white people and the colored people in her community-city-town can get together and talk about the decision they can together work out a plan of action that will be in accordance with the law of the land, and the cooperative will of the people. She calls a white woman who says she will get 3 of her friends, and the Negro woman brings three to the formers home.

Scene II

A group of white and negro women meet together to get acquainted. During this scene most of the common prejudices appear and are countered. They talk about the schools, and discover they don't know any facts about the population of the city, the school district lines, the teacher-pupil ratio of anything. So they decide to get some facts before they see even what implementing the court decision in their town will mean.

Scene III

The ladies appear with facts. They have a map. They have the relative population school locations, teacher pupil ratio. The picture is not alarming. There is indication that a workable plan can be worked out. The women express their desire to make their support known to the Superintendent of the Board of Education.

The Personalities

Negro

Mrs. Baker:	Progressive, deucated churchwoman, with tactful awareness of problems involved. She instigates the drama. Her husband is a physician. She has 2 children.
Mrs. Smith:	She is from the North. She resents the limitations in the South, having been to a non-segregated school. She has children in high school who are leaders. She isn't particularily interested in integration.
Mrs. Jones:	She is having a hard time accepting the new situation, as she grew up with grandparents who had a passive attitude.
Mrs. White:	She is extremely aggressive, belligerant. She wants rights!

White

Mrs. Thomas:	A serious Methodist churchwoman, ready Christian, and positively open to the Holy Spirit's demand in the midst of racial tensions. Her back-ground segregated, but has interracial experience.
Mrs. Reed:	A strongly economic-socially minded person, feeling the necessity of intergration if culture is to survive, develop -- feebly Christian.
Mrs. Brown:	A conservative, rather well to do Southerner -- polite, but of the old school, very much believing that segregation is right.

YMCA
YWCA

Louisiana State University
YMCA - YWCA
Baton Rouge, La.

November 5, 1954

Dear Y Member,

Your big chance to really get to know the "Y" not only on our own campus but also on other campuses is almost here! Even if you haven't done too much in the L.S.U. "Y" this year, don't miss this terrific opportunity to have fun and fellowship with your fellow members.

The big event that all this is leading up to is the YMCA YWCA State conference to be held next Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 13-14. Our main highlight for this conference is the outstanding sociologist, Dr. George Mitchell, Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Georgia. Other leaders include Al Payne and Doris Wilson of the regional staff of the YMCA, YWCA. We know you'll be particularly interested in the subject matter of this event, namely, "Integration in Education:Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision." This is of primary interest to all Louisianians right now.

Our meeting ground is Southern University. We will leave by bus from the "Y" Lounge at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning and return to the campus at 4:30 in time to go to the football game. Sunday we'll leave at 8:30 and return at 2:30.

Concerning registration, the final day for signing up to go to this is Tuesday, November 9 so you can be excused from your Saturday classes. The registration fee is only $2.00 (includes dinner) and is payable in advance at the "Y" office.

See you there!

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Palmer

JoAnn Palmer
Publicity Chairman

Louisiana State University
YWCA
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Southern Regional Council

November 8, 1954

Dr. George Mitchell
Executive Director of Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atalnta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

You cannot know with what expectation we are looking forward to your arrival. I do not know what time your flight will arrive in Baton Rouge but the airport is near Southern University where tou will be staying. You may call me at the "Y" (Tel. 26511 ext. 168) or Tel. 86087 or you may go to the new men's dormitory at Southern. Ed Kennedy, Assistant Dean of Students has been working very closely with me on this conference and you should contact him when you arrive at Southern or if you desire to go directly there.

I'm enclosing a bit of publicity and an outline of the skit. I'm sorry the file is not quite complete yet or you should have it.

Sincerely,

Sarah Dickey Ennis

Sarah Dickey Ennis
Executive Secretary

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P.S. Don't forget to bring Answers for Action. how many(?)

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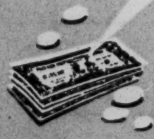

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
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63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

October 14, 1954

Miss Sarah Dickey Ennis
Louisiana State University
Y.W.C.A.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Miss Ennis:

I am perfectly willing to come to Baton Rouge, November 13 and 14. You understand that the YMCA-YWCA Conference will have to find the travel money.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 11, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director, Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell;

The conference planning committee for the Louisianna State YMCA-YWCA Conference met at my house last night and it was easily decided that the most important subject we could work on is integration, but the group did say the week-end of November 20-21 would not be a good as November 13-14. - Nothing on file for these dates (el)

This is very fortunate for us in that we now are able to invite you to come to this meeting and the group strongly insisted that you be asked to be our speaker.

Details of the conference have not yet been worked out and I assume that we shall do the role-playing skit of the conference, however the group will work this out next Sunday. We can give you a definite assignment and if we know that you can be with us.

May I hear from you immediately, then, since our conference date is imminent and since we must have definite data in order to complete our plans.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Dickey Ennis

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Sarah Dickey Ennis
Executive Secretary

P.S. It was a pleasure talking with you last seek-end and visiting in your home and that I personally have every hope of seeing you in Baton Rouge November 13-14.

October 4, 1954

Miss Sarah Dickey Ennis
Louisiana State University
Y.W.C.A.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Miss Ennis:

Nice to see you yesterday. Hope the scheme will work.

I have got to be in Boston November 19, and in Atlanta Monday evening November 22. So excepting grave emergency that locks me out from being with your group November 21 and 22.

I think you will find Mr. Vigo a quite workable substitute.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 23, 1954

Miss Sarah Dickey Ennis
Louisiana State University
Young Women's Christian Association
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Sarah:

Hi! I had a good time and learned a lot, and am glad I went.

And warmest congratulations on the powerful job done on the role-playing. It exceeded my fondest hopes.

I don't remember complaining to a soul about no action. Indeed, it would have been quite wrong to have pushed that group for action. The meeting was to straighten out ideas, and that was done.

Be nice to my Mr. Vigo. He is a good egg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 15, 1954

Dr. George Mitchell
Exec. Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Our gratitude for your contribution to the YMCA-YWCA Conference is without bounds. I knew we could count on your stimulating presentation and wealth of information to lead us to quite serious consideration of our racial problem in a most specific way.

Reference was continually made by the students in our closing session to "when we go back to our campuses" and I am a little disappointed, as I heard you were, that they were so unwilling to decide on a course of positive action. However they did appoint a continuing committee and something may pay off yet. In things of this sort it is not necessarily pay day on Saturday. This I say by way of optimism, not rationalization.

Thank you again, a million times, for coming. It was a pleasure to be with you again. You made the conference.

Most sincerely,

Sarah Dickey Ennis

Sarah Dickey Ennis

December 1, 1954

Mr. Samuel N. Slie
Southern Area Student Council
Young Men's Christian Associations
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sam:

Many thanks for your letter of October 27th. We all read about the matter with much interest.

Can't you see to it that Catchings' new job really helps on schools.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

SOUTHERN AREA STUDENT COUNCIL

Young Men's Christian Associations

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706 STANDARD BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
TELEPHONE WALNUT 0352

October 27, 1954

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Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this morning, I am forwarding to you herewith a copy of the announcement which was made in 1953 of the appointment of Maynard Catchings to our National Student Y.M.C.A. staff.

This particular position exists on a foundation grant of $45,000.00 for a three year period. It is our responsibility to consolidate out finances so that we may perpetuate his leadership in this very crucial area.

Another factor of information that has not been officially announced but which is now in progress and which you will want to be aware of is the fact that Dr. Espy has responded positively to a call from the National Council of Churches, to be one of its Associate General Secretaries. This means that about January the National Executive position of the Student Y.M.C.A. will be looking for a new person.

A.H.
For yr. info.

Everything is going well at this point with our work. We have had favorable reports from Maryville College on the integration of their students, and in South Carolina last week I had a chance to talk with Father Sweeney of Rock Hill who had integrated his Grade School. In regard to the Maryville situation an interesting story came to us from the Student Y President. He said that the cross-country team had assimilated a Negro student and they had contacted the teams with which they had meets planned and only two of the teams refused to continue the meet. One was Georgia Tech and the other was Bryant College. The people at Maryville were not at all surprised at Tech's decision, but were surprised at the Bryant College decision, in view of the fact that Bryant gives an award to all competitors on which it is stated - "Christ Above All". Interestingly enough Vanderbilt University and Alabama State College, among others, did not decline to have the cross-country meet.

Every regard.

Sincerely yours,

Sam

Samuel N. Slie
ASSOCIATE AREA SECRETARY

SNS:mt

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Enclosure - Dr. George Mitchell

THE NATIONAL STUDENT COMMITTEE
OF THE YMCA

Announces the Appointment of

THE REVEREND LINCOLN MAYNARD CATCHINGS

As Associate Secretary
For Interracial and Intercultural Relations

On the Student Services Staff
of the
National Board of the YMCA

MR. CATCHINGS was born in Houston, Texas in 1914. After graduation from Prairie View College and a period of teaching, he received the B.D. and M.A. Degrees at Howard University in Washington, D. C. He did further graduate work in the sociology of religion at the University of Chicago. From 1942-44 he was Student YMCA Secretary in the Southern Region. From 1945-47 he was a member of the faculty and administration of the Social Science Institute at Fiske University in Nashville.

In 1947 Mr. Catchings was called to the pastorate of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Washington, D. C., where he has served to the present time. While in Washington he has been instructor of philosophy at Howard University, chairman of the Commission on Community Life of the Washington Federation of Churches, and a member of the Board of Trustees of United Community Services and of the District of Columbia Board of Public Welfare. As a Congregationalist, Mr. Catchings has been an active member of his denomination's National Advisory Council on Race Relations and of the Legislative Committee of the Council for Social Action. Interdenominationally, he has been on the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen and is now on the Executive Council of Christian Action, a national organization of Protestants who are interested in applying the Christian faith to social problems. In the summer of 1950 he served as Associate Director of the Christian International Work Camp in Chambon, France.

In addition to his exceptional experience, Mr. Catchings brings to his new post a keen and informed mind, a deep Christian commitment, and a conviction that the YMCA has an important contribution to make to interracial and intercultural relations through its Student Program in the colleges and universities. Mrs. Catchings, the former Rose Mae Withers, has been a National Secretary of the Student YWCA and was Associate Director of the Department of Social Welfare of the Washington Federation of Churches. Mr. and Mrs. Catchings and their seven year old son, Lincoln Maynard, Jr. will make their home in or near New York City.

From the time of the first intercollegiate conference of Student YMCA's in 1877 in Louisville, Kentucky, the work of the YMCA with college students has been interracial. In all sections of the country, the Student YMCA and YWCA have provided thousands of students in every student generation their first and often their only experience of interracial fellowship. The National Student Council of the YMCA is interracial in its composition and staff, and its four elected student officers almost always are an interracial group. In a recent year the chairman was a Negro student from Harvard University. The present vice-chairman is from Virginia Union University. He and a Nisei student were two of five Student YMCA representatives to the Third World Conference of Christian Youth in India in 1952.

Mr. Catchings will build upon this tradition in the Student Christian Movement. He will seek to strengthen Christian student work in the Negro colleges and to interpret in all colleges the meaning and practice of the Christian faith with reference to interracial and intercultural relations. Through the Student YMCA he will help develop new experiments on the frontiers of understanding and cooperation, bringing students together on the basis of constructive human relations transcending racial and cultural differences.

The National Student Committee is grateful to a foundation which provided a three-year grant to make possible the expanded program under Mr. Catchings' leadership. It bespeaks the interest and participation in this enterprise of all who are concerned for more Christian human relationships in our society.

A. BRYAN CLARK, *Chairman*

R. H. EDWIN ESPY, *Executive Secretary*

National Student Committee of the YMCA
291 Broadway, New York 7, New York

Engagements

December 7, 1954

TO: GSM

Kay Carpenter, National Board YWCA called today to ask whether you could talk on Monday, December 13th, to the National Board staff in Southern Regional Office, third floor, 63 Auburn Avenue. They would like a short version of the map speech.

I told Kay you would not be in town until Saturday, and suggested that Mary Jane Willet call you then to confirm the date and your willingness to do the speech. She will call you at home Saturday.

Ywca

December 23, '33

Dear Miss Rhudy,

Many thanks for careful arranging and much kind attention in the Berea visit, Alice and I both had a delightful time, and feel close to all that your College and its students do.

When the Hon. Lewis gets his check-book into action I guess the tax should be about 25.00. Hard to calculate, but the train trip would have cost more. My small car is an economizer, and I didn'T spend more than twenty-five.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell

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Southern Regional Council

Box 1577
College Station
Berea, Kentucky
December 13, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell;

We are eagerly awaiting your visit to our campus on Thursday of this week. Dr. Gordon Ross, chairman of our Philosophy and Religion Department, ask that I extend an invitation to yourand your wife to be entertained in their home on the nights of December 16 and 17.

The two main appearances during your visit on the campus will of course be the Chapel Address at 2:30 to the entire student body and the talk to the Y at 6:30 on the "Courts and the Schools". Other groups who desire to talk with your are class groups which number about four at this time. These will be scattered throughout the day. Regarding your appearance with the Y group I believe the students would greatly benefit from a period of discussion with your on the subject after your presentation.

Dr. Roscoe Giffin, chairman of our Sociology Department and a worker with you in the S. R. C. also desires a few minutes of your time for a private consultation or conference.

We will be looking for you on the evening of December 16.

Sincerely yours,
Louise Rhudy
Louise Rhudy
Y.W.C.A. President

December 16, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell:

Your schedule for Thursday, December 17, is as follows:

8:30 - 9:30 Community Class
(You will be met at the Tavern at 8:15)

10:30- 11:30 Social Science and Social Psychology Classes
(Dr. Roscoe Giffin will be your host here)

LUNCH

2:30 - 3:30 College Assembly

4:00 - 5:00 Informal Tea with Berea faculty -- Fireside Room

5:15 Dinner at Boarding Hall --
(Harold Brown will be your host)

6:30- 8:00 YW and YMCA Meeting at Gray Auditorium

We hope your had a very pleasant and safe trip to Berea and are looking forward to your visit tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Rhudy

Louise Rhudy
YWCA President

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GRACE T. HAMILTON . . .

Ywca [illegible]

GSM:

A call came from Miss Dinah Carpenter at Agnes Scott asking if you would be able to speak to a meeting of the Student Christian Association on Tuesday, April 5, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the work of the Southern Regional Council.

I told her that you were out but that I felt that you or someone would be present.

She can be reached at DEerborn 2571 - 36.

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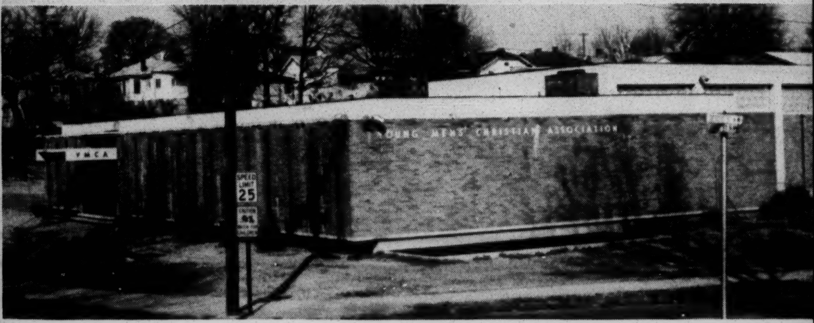
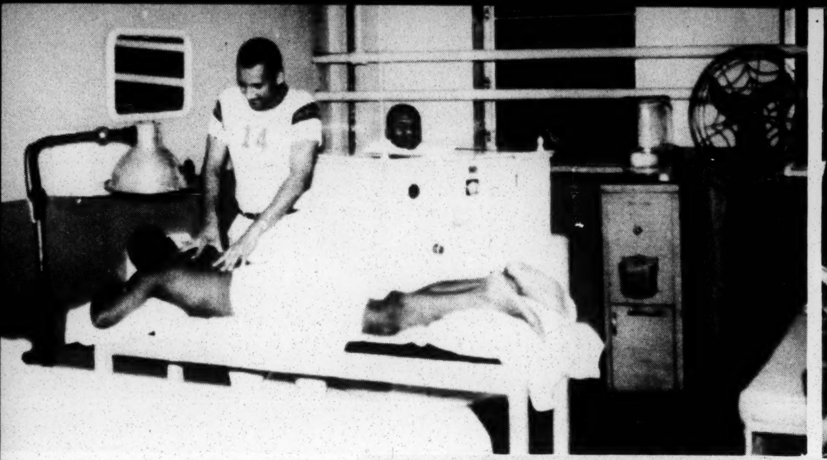


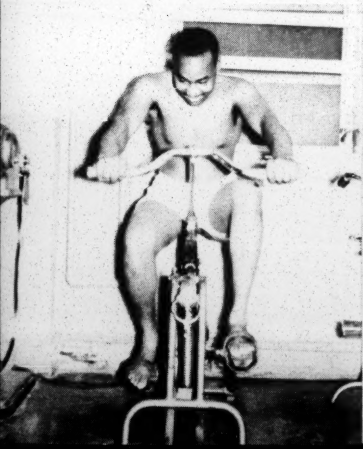
YMCA
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
SPEED LIMIT 25

LOCATIONS:

22 Butler Street, N.E. — Main Building
101 Ollie Street, N.W. — Westside Extension
2125 Clarissa Drive, N.W. — Perry Homes Extension
630 Frasier Street, S.E. — Summerhill Extension
YMCA Camp — Lake Allatoona

"Serving Youth That They May Serve"





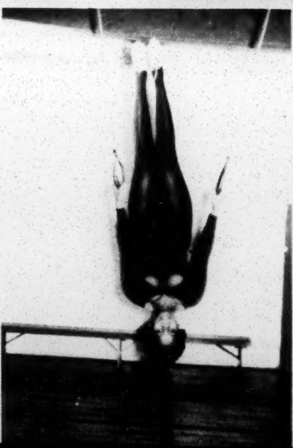
Health Room

The Health Room of the Butler St. YMCA is one of the Community's greatest assets. Here, 'Y' health club members may be relieved of mental fatigue, nervous exhaustion and receive treatments and exercise benefiting their bodies. It is well equipped with massage tables, steam room, artificial sun-ray box, heat lamps, vibrators and exercise aids, supervised by a trained masseur and physical therapist.

Your Butler

Boxing

Boxing is one of Butler Street's proudest activities, from the little fellows — who learn to slug away and take it smilingly — to the promising fighters, some of whom have gone to high ring heights.



Teen Band Stand

Teen-agers like to dance, and it proves a delightful recreation for them at the Butler St. YMCA's Teen Band Stand every Thursday night.

Physical Conditioning For Females

This young woman is one of the many who participate in Butler Street's Physical Fitness Classes. Institutions, such as Grady Hospital and the Grady Homes Girl Club, send classes and teams to the 'Y'.

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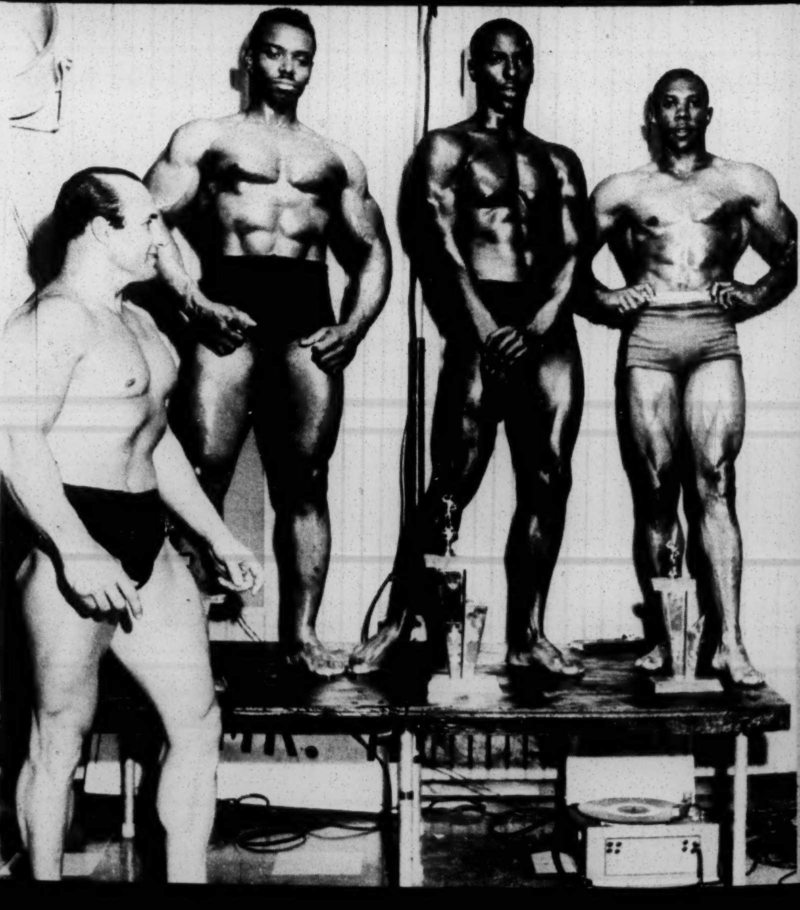

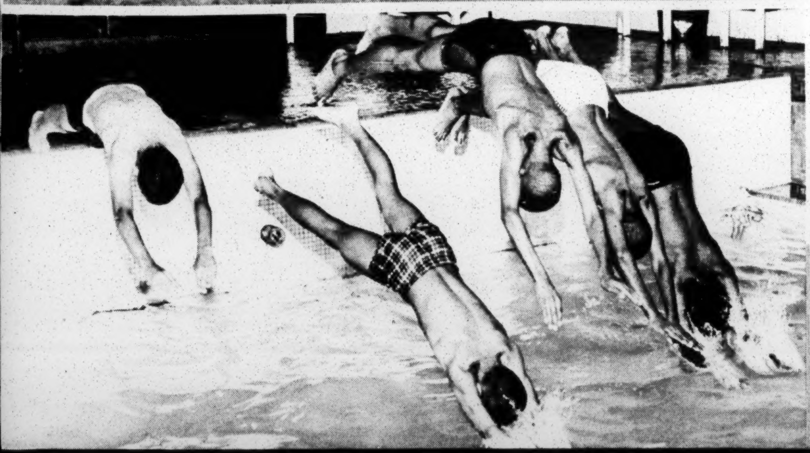

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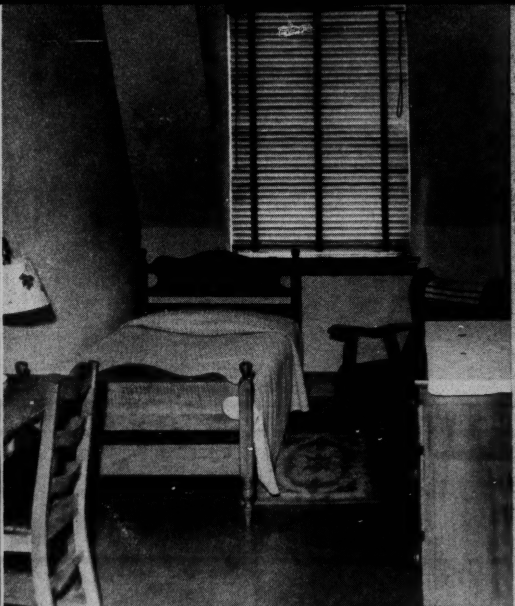

Dormitory Rooms

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Body-Building

Specimen of the Butler St. YMCA body-building classes flex their muscles with "Mr. America." The gymnasium is well equipped and the instructors well prepared to assist in this marvelously rewarding activity.

Basketball

Basketball is one of the largest a
of recreational participation in
YMCA program. These two youths
tip-off here, are part of the 26 y
and adult teams, and 130 boys' tea
playing at the 'Y' during basket
season.

Swimming

Swimming is great fun for Butler St. YMCA members, whether at the Main Branch and Westside Extension pools, or in Lake Allatoona's camp site. There are special classes for boys, girls, adult men and women and family groups. The pools are clean and spacious; the instructors and life guards are "tops."

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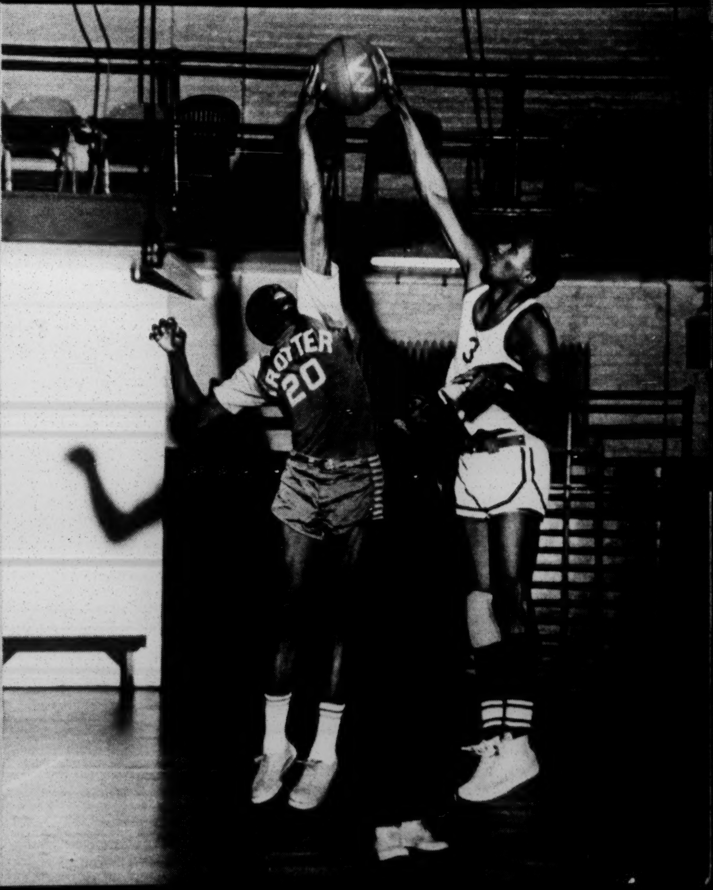
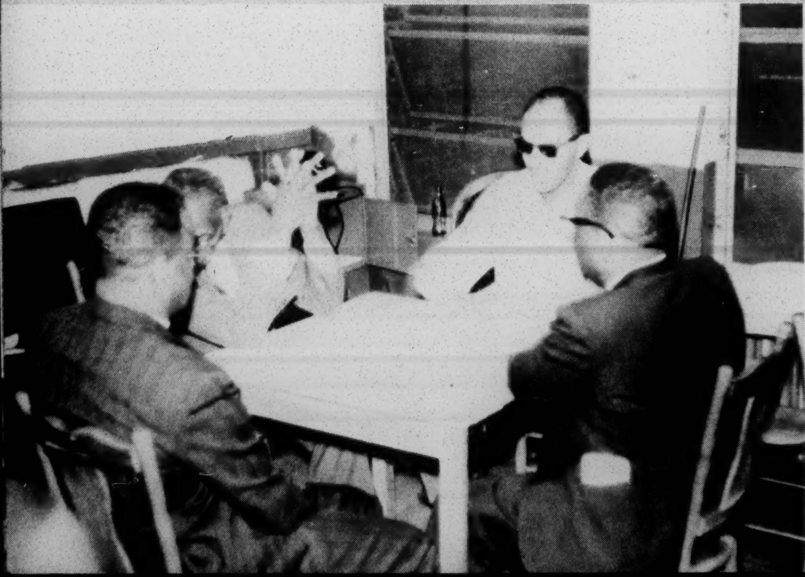


The YMCA Forums

The Butler St. YMCA is widely known for its forums, including the internationally renowned Hungry Club, which has presented weekly luncheon sessions for 17 years, featuring some of the nation's best speakers; the Emblem Club, made up of top membership producers, which also presents outstanding programs, and many other youth and adult units which sponsor forums to enlighten the community on current affairs. Above, Georgia's Fifth District Congressman Charles Weltner addresses Emblem Club.

Men's Social Club Room

The Card Room at the Main Building is a regular meeting place for adult male enthusiasts of bridge, cassino, gin rummy, fan-tan and other games. It's all in clean fun for the "masters" and the "hams" who vie to win with a combination of skill and luck. It's also relaxing.

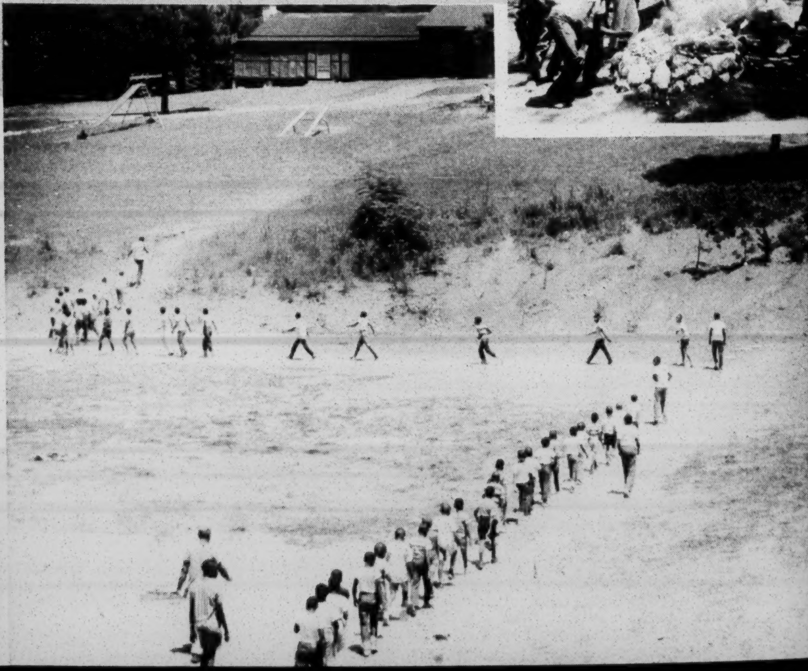


Day Camping

The Day Camp programs prove especially beneficial for boys and helpful to parents during the early summer period and a few days after the close of public schools. Here a day camp group lines up for a trek to a park area and a dip in the swimming pool — one of the varied activities of the day. They learn many things under the supervision of YMCA staffmen. They also learn how to get along with each other at play, while learning crafts, lore and other areas of life influencing the growing boy.

Camping at Lake Allatoona

Summer Camping at the YMCA Camp at Lake Allatoona is an experience few boys forget. For five weeks, following the day camping period, boys live "on location" and engage in all sorts of activity on the shores of one of the most beautiful inland waterways of the North Georgia hills. Below, campers march to the modernly equipped and well supplied dining room facility. Another photo shows boys in cook-out. They may fish, swim, hike, play games, study wildlife and study nature first-hand, being well supervised and cared for by competent 'Y' staffmen.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RATES

Boys — $7.00
(Full participating Membership for boys 6 to 16 years)
Youth — $10.00
(Full participating Membership for young men 17 to 20 years & 6 mos.)
Basic — $15.00
(Adults 21 and above)
Women & Girls — $7.00
(Entitles members to Co-Ed privileges and a limited number of activities designed especially for Women.)
Health — $75.00
(Members are entitled to fifty-two (52) complete treatments.)
Sustaining or Contributing — $16.00 & Above
(Men, Women and Youth who desire to support the efforts of the Butler Street Y.M.C.A.)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Atlanta's Butler Street YMCA has been serving the community for 70 years, having started in a small building in 1894, moved to its present main building in 1921 and being constantly improved and enlarged. The total physical plant investment of the Butler St. YMCA is over $2,000,000. This includes the main building, Boys Building, Westside Extension and Lake Allatoona. The overall annual budget is $225,000, compared to the initial $11,500 of yesteryear.

Open 24 hours a day, the physical plants serve Atlanta's populace in varied and beneficial ways, while the large and efficient staff takes care of many needs. There are two inside swimming pools, an Allatoona Lakeside pool for enjoyment of youth and adults . . . three large gyms, where 132 basketball teams alone do a major operation in recreation, health and fun . . . There is a complete Health Department with steam-room, sunlamps, massage, sun-ray box and all types of exercise aids . . . . conference and assembly rooms, where many community organizations meet and where the Y's famed forums, such as the Hungry Club, are held . . . Boxing, gymnastics, weight lifting, conditioning and all sorts of games are on the 'Y' program . . .

Guidance and job placement, as well as family welfare, are on the Butler St. YMCA agenda . . . . A new program has been launched to aid emotionally disturbed children and school dropouts . . . There are many adult and youth classes, accompanying the general use of social and recreational facilities of Butler Street YMCA . . . . where just about everybody goes and uses.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . EAB . . . .

You asked AH to answer this.

February 2, 1955

Mr. L. Maynard Catchings
National Student Council of the YMCA
291 Broadway
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Maynard Catchings:

Unfortunately we do not have much material available in the area of segregation in higher education in the South.

I am enclosing a copy of a list of desegregating institutions of higher learning in the Southern and border states and also an old issue of NEW SOUTH on the trend toward integration in private colleges.

Our next issue of NEW SOUTH will include a reprint of Guy Johnson's "Racial Integration in Public Higher Education in the South" from the Summer, 1954, JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION and the enclosed list. We will send you a copy when it is available and will be glad to supply you with additional copies (at the rate of ten cents per issue), should you find you could use it in your program.

If a fuller report of your study of church-related colleges in the South is available, we would like very much to see it.

Dr. Mitchell asked me to answer your letter when he was in town between two extended trips. He will look forward to seeing you on your visit South at the end of March.

You will perhaps remember meeting me at Lib and Ben Segal's summer before last--I was attending a workshop at Catholic University at the time. From what Kack hears from Lib, it sounds like Ben is about to get into very interesting work.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

A. H. to reply (your sig.)

NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL OF THE YMCA
AUXILIARY ASSEMBLY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
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January 14, 1955

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Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

Sam Slie has told me of the expanded work which the Southern Regional Council has been doing and that he has acquainted you with our concern for interracial and intercultural development on college campuses. I am to make a visit through the South during the latter part of March and the first part of April. When in Atlanta, I hope it will be possible to visit with you.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the current issue of The Intercollegian which carries a report on a study of private church-related colleges in the South which we made last spring. I would appreciate your sending to me any materials or information which pertains to segregation in higher education in the South.

Continued best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

L. Maynard Catchings
AG
L. Maynard Catchings

LMC/AG

(dictated but not signed by Mr. Catchings)

Geo Mitchell —

Walda Beach gave the attached speech to an assembly at Davidson recently — I thought you'd be interested —

Al Payne

MAR 15 1955

Christianity and Economic Problems of the South

"Dear Lord, bless me and my wife,
My son John and his wife,
Us four, no more. Amen."

"Give us this day our daily bread."

Here are two prayers, one perhaps from some respectable churchman in Suburbia, a deacon or elder in the session of his church. The other is from the New Testament. They both presuppose a certain relationship of religion and economics, but there is some moral distance between the two prayers. One represents the self-interest and the comfort of the well heeled, who are interested in divine support for their interests. The other represents, when taken with the whole Bible, the fundamental need of all men for common bread, and states the great problem for all economy, American, British, or Russian; how shall our bread be shared, so that the "us" of the prayer will include all men, not just us four.

In approaching the problem of the relationship of religion and economics in the South, or anywhere else for that matter, we have to acknowledge that we have a distorted picture to start with, all of us. Everybody views things from a narrow and private point of view. It's like the Bostonian's map of the United States, which appeared in the New Yorker some years back. There is a great big New England, and Cape Cod, a great big Florida, a Big California. The south and the mid-west are all shriveled and the states are all backwards; there are four or five Sewanee Rivers running through the South and the Western states are arranged in a terrible hodgepodge. Or it's like the Charlotte woman who went to California, so she said, by way of Winston-Salem. It may just be that our view of Southern economy represents the partial perspective of white, upper middle-class, tweed-jacketed, Presbyterians citizens of the new South. The process of education in this as in other matters is not in finding better reasons for our narrow prejudices. But true education lies in exchanging, in mind and in will, our narrow prejudices for broad prejudices, for Christian prejudices, if you like. It's a process where we try to come to look at our world through the eyes of faith in a universal God, not the tribal diety of us four, no more.

There is no need to spend time reminding you of the pattern of the Southern economy in which we live. If we should draw a quick profile, perhaps these features would stand out:

(1) We have a shift from a preponderantly rural to an industrial culture, in the booming new industries of textiles as well as other products. As a side feature of this we have a rural mentality brought into the new cities, a stranger in its urban surrounding, rootless and dislocated in attackments.

(2) We have cheap labor, secured from the country to serve the migrated industries which have in the last few decades moved south for many reasons, for greater space, for greater access to public utilities, but chiefly in order to avoid the economic pinch of Northeastern unionized labor, and whose economic survival therefore depends on keeping labor relatively cheap.

(3) Therefore, the organization of economy, especially in the textile industry, represents, with all sorts of qualifications, a benevolent despotism, or a responsible paternalism. The mill-town economy is one where the totality of the community is run from above, in a hierarchy of authority. It is "responsible" in that it does much for its people, conditional on their remaining unorganized. In some all of the public facilities of the community are provided, sometimes primitive housing (four rooms and a path), in some, more elegant housing. Free azaleas. The largest

Y.M.C.A. in the world. But, the authority is tightly held. Churches, schools, newspapers, all the agencies of communication, are not independent but must hue to the line of the voice of the mill.

(4) In a growing economy of the new South, there are spots and bulges of prosperity. But the median income, as compared on a national standard, remains relatively low. This partly because of the cheaper wage scale, but partly too because of the expense of maintaining segregation, a highly expensive proposition. There is also the great spiritual problem in the consumer use of new income. Where rural folk in the new cities have sudden spurts of income, the problem of how they expend that wisely is exceedingly difficult.

(5) In this profile we should also include mention of another feature:Church life. Certainly the church is very strong in popular support. But the churches in fact have little or nothing to say to problems of economics, except perhaps their own. They represent pretty largely a middle-class individualistic outlook. Their ministers are chaplains to the middle class, whose function seem to be to encourage nice people to be nicer. But the powerful piety of the Southern protestant church is divorced from any consideration of common economic problems. There is thus produced among laboring men, a general drop-off in church interest. Or at least a drop-off from the main-line Protestant churches and a turn towards the Pentacostal sects, with their various escapisms.

Now, in this situation, where do you come in? You come in, directly, at the point where you will be involved --- indeed, where you are already involved -- in decisions of all sorts which have an effect upon this pattern.

Thirty percent of you, roughly, will be in business. Thirty percent of you, perhaps, in medicine. A slightly smaller percentage in the ministry. Whether in white-collar or in backward-collar professions, your personal decision in this bundle of life in this new Southern economy will be unavoidable and crucial.

Briefly stated it seems to me that there are three problem areas here where Christian insight bears directly on the decisions that a Christian churchman must make in his economic practice.

A. First, the problem of the distribution of economic power. How shall power in determining the conditions of work be fairly distributed? Under what terms shall the mass production of goods go on?

There are two main views here, in conflict with each other. One is the view of responsible paternalism. It claims that economic power belongs to management. This concentration of power should remain in the hands of the executives to do things for people, for the workers, who are much better off when things are done for them. They cannot manage their own affairs of economic policy and should not be allowed to try. The other view, is represented by the labor movement which claims that economic power should be distributed, and that the workers through their own collective efforts should have a direct say-so in determining the conditions under which they work. The thrust of the labor movement in the last 50 years represents an attempt at the rebalancing of power distribution, a new equilibrium of power. In some cases it has produced an imbalance in the opposite direction from the imbalance of too much power in the hands of management. But in the main, as practiced nationally, as the studies of the "Causes of Industrial Peace" have clearly shown, collective bargaining between strong unions and strong management is the established method for securing economic health in our present economy.

Now, in this debate, Christian ethics has something very pertinent to say. The responsible Christian cannot come at this debate by being "pro-labor", if that means "anti-management." Nor is he "anti-labor" if that means "pro-management." His bias is that the conditions of work should be such that the fulfillment of personality for all should be achieved insofar as possible. He also has the bias of recognizing man's sin, and he affirms that power corrupt, in whosever hands, even where disguised in benevolent form. The Christian has a kind of chronic allergy to concentrations of power, and a prejudice in favor of the distribution of power, because he knows that benevolent intentions cannot hide the sinister effects of domination by those who have the superior status and power. It is for that reason that responsible Christian forces today have almost entirely supported the right of labor to organize and the health of the practice of collective bargaining between management and democratically-represented labor.

In this debate, also, in which the choices of the Christian are unavoidable, it is very important that the Christian understand the real motives in the discourse. He must be sensitive to the distinction between real reasons and good reasons. It is clear enough, for example, that labor seeks a closed shop policy as necessary, it feels, for healthy collective bargaining. Management, on the other side is concerned to weaken the power of labor, and finds the open shop policy a great help in this effort. There is much talk, on this matter, of "the right to work," meaning economic freedom. But it should be pointed out, that the "right to work" or "open shop" policy may be used as a device to deny the right to work to those who seek to organize and strengthen the unions. The claim for the "right to work" is made conscientiously by both labor and management. Labor, it should be remembered, seeks the right to work every bit as much as management, as a protection against arbitrary hiring and firing, through securing the right to work under conditions of decency and stability.

B. The second problem area, where your decision as a Christian and leadership will count, has to do with the dislocation of Christian values in the new chromium-plated materialism of the southern economy.

The operating premise of many citizens in this new south is that the good consists in goods. Whether it be a passion for convertibles or television, even if the television aerial rises over a shack, and even if the mental fare of the driver of the convertible consists of comic books, the passion for temporal goods is part and parcel of the new southern materialism.

In many ways this sacrifice of the spiritual to the material is more depressing than the image of the man with the hoe. "Getting and spending we lay waste our powers." We all all victimized by this thing. There are students at Duke (I am sure there are none at Davidson) who honestly feel that they cannot successfully operate through junior year without a car, feeling that somehow they will be social failures.

In this situation all of us should be haunted by a word that jumps across 2000 years and lands in the middle of our practice. "Why are you anxious...?" "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses." The word is one of Christian "asceticism", which points to the priority of the spiritual over the material. It has profound implication for economic decisions, fiscal policy, and consumer education, whether one is a minister in a textile community or a junior executive in the new city, or the family doctor. It has profound implication for vocational choice.

C. The third task of the Christian in Southern economy is the conversion of the Southern protestant churches to Christianity. I can only mention this point, without room for expansion.

We are all nurtured by the churches, and we live in the illusion of being

Christians. But a close look, in all honesty, at the churches which have nurtured us reveals that they are clubs mostly, --white, middle-class, suburban associations for self help and self congratulation. The voice of the churches is barely distinguishable from the voice of the culture in which it stands. It is silent about the crucial social issues of the day in its preoccupation for the salvation of souls.

Yet if taken seriously the Christian gospel, the old time religion, is not that of the voice of culture. It has revolutionary consequences for all of life. The full Gospel has political, economic, and racial implications which cannot possibly be skipped.

One of the most thrilling tasks facing any minister or layman in the South is the reformation of the churches. The task is that of bringing the message that the Christian ethic has something to say to how we earn and share our bread, how we distribute power, how we make consumer choices, how we advertise, how and where we build our churches, whether they are to be made houses of prayer for us four, no more, or for all people.

March 25, 1955

Mrs. Savilla Millis Simons
National Board, Y.W.C.A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Simons:

Today I had the good fortune to be able to read from cover to cover the memorandum on "Methods of Combatting Discrimination" prepared by the Y.W.C.A.'s of the U.S.A. for the World's Y.W.C.A. It is an inspiring record. It demonstrates so exactly the progress toward ideals which is possible when institutions and organizations have the courage to re-examine themselves and their practices in terms of their own goals and the demands of the times. I hope that the statement of principles underlying the methods which are illustrated will be widely used both within and without the Y.W.C.A. for teaching purposes.

I have hoped to have had an opportunity for a visit with you but it hasnnot been possible. Some day in the future....

With sincere appreciation for your and the National Board's consistent leadership.

Yours cordially,

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for

April 13, 1955

Mr. Al Payne
Southern Area Student Council, YMCA
Standard Building
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Payne:

I am returning the Southern Area Student Council list which you so kindly loaned us a couple of weeks ago.

We sent both our February NEW SOUTH issue on desegregation in higher education and Maynard Catchings' article "Desegregation--Can It Come Voluntarily in Church-Related Institutions?" from the January, 1955 INTERCOLLEGIAN to some five hundred student YM and YW presidents and faculty advisors in the Southern region. You will also be interested in knowing that Maynard Catchings got one hundred copies of the February NEW SOUTH to distribute among YM staff (student staff) throughout the country.

We appreciated your check for the NEW SOUTH's.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

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May 4, 1955

Mrs. Savilla Millis Simons
General Secretary
Young Women's Christian Association
National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Simons:

Our sincere thanks for the copy of Methods of Combating Discrimination which you sent us. The staff here at the central office is much impressed with it. We found interesting the manner in which you set forth a principle and then gave several experiences the YW had which substantiated the principle.

// to a. H.

Thanks are due too for the very kind words about the Southern Regional Council (pg. 51) and how the YW and SRC cooperated in the Greenville, S.C., self-survey.

We think it would be of benefit to our state staff people to have such a record of a long struggle against discrimination and an evaluation of methods used in winning that fight. Would it be possible to get fifteen copies for distribution to our professional staff in the state organizations affiliated with SRC? If there is a cost involved we, of course, would bear it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Proposed draft of reply

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Sincerely

GSM

GSM —

Grace has read the book and knows its contents quite well and is much impressed with it. If the above draft is unsatisfactory she could probably do better.

FBR

OK

GM

I have gone through this & I do not think it is appropriate for me to write reply —

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A. H. for Draft of Reply

March 16, 1955

MAR 18 1955

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Conference Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Because of your interest in racial integration I am sending * you a copy of a report on Methods of Combating Discrimination recently prepared by the YWCA.

This report describes the experience of the YWCA in the U.S.A. in racial integration. It was prepared at the request of the World's YWCA for use in a conference of non-governmental organizations, called by the United Nations. This conference is to be held in Geneva March 31-April 5. The World's YWCA was asked by the United Nations to submit material on methods of combating discrimination and the attached report is to be used by the World's YWCA in conjunction with reports from YWCA's in several other countries.

Because of the time limit, we were not able to consult with some of you about the content of this report before completing it. We shall, however, appreciate having now any comments or suggestions that you may wish to make.

I am sure that you will find this report of particular interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Savilla Millis Simons
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Mrs. Savilla Millis Simons
General Secretary

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May 16, 1955

MAY 19 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of May 4 concerning "Methods of Combating Discrimination". We very much appreciate your generous comments.

The fifteen copies of the document have been mailed to you for distribution. If you would care to have additional copies, please write to Miss Takechi of our Leadership Services.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Savilla Simons

Savilla M. Simons
General Secretary

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May 11, 1955

MAY 13 1955

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Gentlemen:

The Southern Regional Student YMCA and YWCA Conference, scheduled for June 10-17 at Blue Ridge, N. C. will bring approximately 200 students together next month. The enclosed folder will describe the theme, purpose and leadership.

We hope to introduce these campus leaders to the most helpful resources, publications and organizations, and to improve their local program and individual responsibility.

If the Southern Regional Council is equipped and able to share a limited number of application forms, sample issues of its publication, or free reprints, we shall be glad to provide an attractive display for these "pick ups" at our conference.

An enclosed card will permit you to indicate if you would like to send any for display or distribution. May I suggest that the materials be addressed to me, c/o Student Conference - Blue Ridge, North Carolina, scheduled to arrive the first week in June.

Mailed
5/13/55

We appreciate your help!

Sincerely,

A C Payne

Alfred C. Payne
STUDENT SECRETARY

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FOR

YMCA's
YWCA's
SCA's

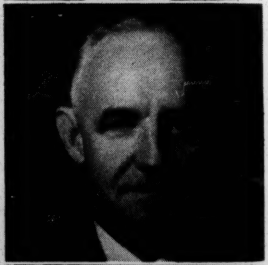
June 10-17, 1955

RIDGE ASSEMBLY

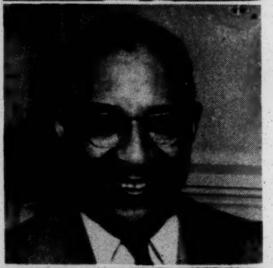
ge, North Carolina

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

DR. JOHN HUTCHISON—Professor of Religion, Williams College. Editor of **Christian Faith and Social Action** and co-author of **Ways of Faith.** Dean of Section on "You in the University" at National Assembly.



DR. FRANK GRAHAM—Formerly President of the University of North Carolina, Member of National War Labor Board and United States Senator. Now United Nations Representative for India and Pakistan.



DR. CHARLES JOHNSON—President of Fisk University. Author of eighteen volumes on various subjects dealing with the South. Member of National Manpower Council. Board of Trustees, International Institute of Education. "Man of the Year" in Nashville.

MISS EDITH LERRIGO—New Executive of the National Student YWCA. Formerly on the staff of New England Student Christian Movement, National Student YWCA of China, and Regional Secretary of the YWCA in Pacific Southwest.

MR. MAYNARD CATCHINGS—Associate Secretary, National Student Council YMCA. Formerly Pastor of Plymouth Church in Washington. Taught at Fisk and Howard Universities. Specialist in Interracial and Intercultural Relations in Higher Education.

Recreation, Workshops, Discussion Groups and Technique Groups will all be led by experienced and skilled persons.

The Conference seeks to give delegate
the Student YMCA and YWCA; some
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today; and an experience in Christian
varied cultural, social, religious, and ed

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WORSHIP

Each day will begin with an experience of corporate worship, and includes Evening Vespers led by competent students. The entire conference is planned in terms of primary commitment to God through private and group worship.

PLATFORM PRESENTATIONS

Here the conference is fortunate in having the most informed persons available to lead our thinking in basic areas of campus concerns — The Christian Faith — The United Nations — The South Today — Men and Women — The Student Movement.

RECREATION

**Delegates to the conference last
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SPECIAL EVENTS

**Fireside Chats with Outstanding
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WORKSHOPS

Daily sessions in small groups under skilled leaders. Such topics as Association Leadership — Worship — Recreation — The Changing South — Civil Liberties — Faith, Sex and Love — and United Nations. Workshops will deal with program methods and content.

TECHNIQUE SESSIONS

Through informal sharing, students will be helped in planning specific programs and solving particular problems. They will include Membership — Finance — World University Service — Work with Freshmen — Religious Emphasis, etc.

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Personalities — The Conference
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ure.

The Conference will open with dinner Friday, June 10, and close with breakfast on Friday, June 17.

The Conference is for all members of Student YMCA's, YWCA's, SCA's in the ten Southern states. Non-student members of all Associations are urged to attend. Members of other campus religious groups are welcome.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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CONFERENCE COSTS

Individual Associations registering five or more delegates will pay $8.00 for each delegate; ten to fifteen delegates, $7.00 for each delegate.

All registration blanks and fees for the conference must be sent to the conference registrar by May 21. Registration fees and blanks received after this will be charged $1.00 late fee. Upon receipt of registration blanks, a health form will be sent to each delegate which must be completed and returned to the conference registrar or brought to the conference. Completed health forms are necessary for registration.

Registration Fee is waived for all foreign delegates.

WHAT TO BRING

Delegates are advised to bring informal clothing. For women this includes jeans, shorts or other similar clothing. One or two dresses will be sufficient for the conference. All delegates are advised to bring a warm sweater or jacket for cool evenings, comfortable walking shoes, a raincoat and a flashlight.

CONFERENCE SITE

The Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds are located 15 miles east of Asheville in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina. It is a beautiful site at an elevation of about 3,000 feet.

REGISTRATION BLANK

Southern Regional Student YMCA, YWCA, SCA Conference

June 10-17, 1955, Blue Ridge, North Carolina

Name__________ Home Address__________

College__________ College Address__________

Faculty______ YMCA______ YWCA______ SCA______ Year of Graduation______

Are You an Officer in Your Association?__________ If So, What Office Do You Hold?__________

Church Preference__________ Are You a Member?__________

Name of Denomination

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION BLANK AND REGISTRATION FEE, $9.00, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO

MISS MARY THOMPSON, Conference Registrar
Southern Area Student Council YMCA
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE SOUTHERN AREA YMCA

July 11, 1955

Miss Louise Goodloe
Young Women's Christian Association
401 North Carancahua
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Miss Goodloe:

We are sending you, under separate cover, a copy of "Answers for Action." The map attached to the inside back cover should contain the information you requested.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JUL 11 1955

Young Women's Christian Association
401 NORTH CARANCAHUA
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

July 8-55.

Dear Sirs -

June "New South" arrived today with the center spread of maps showing the density of Negro population. My copy shows clearly only three of the five indicated variations, at best four. In my use of the map to good effect, the distinction within 0-15 does not greatly matter but there is need of the few spots "over 50%". Can your office send me a copy with these spots inked or some way shaded in.

Thank you
Louise Goodloe

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Nov. 16th

August 5, 1955

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 3rd addressed to Mr. Cochrane regarding the Hungry Club. Mr. Cochrane is out of the City and in fact out of the Country as he is attending the International Meeting of the YMCA in Paris. He will possibly return the first week in September.

Regarding the suggested date for your speaking to the Hungry Club, October 19th has been previously scheduled and the next open dates are November 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th. If you find that it is convenient for you to be with us on either of these dates, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth R. Byrd
Secretary to Mr. Cochrane

ERB/

Notified
Aug 19. 55
GM

August 3, 1955

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
The Butler Street YMCA
22Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

How's Wednesday, October 19th, for me to do a speak-say at the Hungry Club?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

Dear Mr Cochrane,

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Sincerely,

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July 29, 1955

Dr. George Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

Once again I am writing you in the interest of the Hungry Club of the Butler Street Y.M.C.A. As we are arranging the list of speakers for the next season which will begin September 28th and run until May 27th, 1956, we would like you to indicate which Wednesday during this season you might be available.

We have valued very much your cooperation in the past and the Committee would like to have you appear again if you can fit it into your schedule at a time convenient to you. If it is not too much trouble, therefore, would you indicate two or three possible dates that we could fit into a calendar which we are in the process of making up? As we would like to have a printed folder listing the names of the possible speakers, we would sincerely appreciate your giving us this information at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary

WRC/erb

September 7, 1955

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Student Secretary
National Council of the
Young Men's Christian Associations
706 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Al:

Right, keep on sending it over, if you will, please.

Glad to hear of my proper friends at Rome.

Come to see the Mitchells.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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September 6, 1955

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

We still get a number of requests for material addressed to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation. These requests are all forwarded to the Southern Regional Council because I think they more nearly meet the need of these requdsts. I will continue to forward these inquiries to your office until you tell me otherwise.

Regards to you!

Sincerely,

Alfred C. Payne
Student Secretary

ACP:mt

P. S. Last week at a conference in Ohio I learned from my friend Al Kershaw that his brother Russ is Pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rome, Georgia and has recently accepted a Negro girl for membership. This won't "set the woods on fire", but it is a good statistic in the right direction. You may want to get acquainted with Russ sometime yourself.

Nov. 16
Hungry club

October 19, 1955

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
The Young Men's Christian Association
22 Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

How would "How the Schools Matter Stands"

be?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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October 18, 1955

OCT 19 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

This is just a note to remind you of your confirmed agreement to be the speaker at the regular session of the Hungry Club on Wednesday, November 16, 1955 at 12:15 p.m.

Will you please at your convenience and well prior to this date, send us the subject of your discourse?

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary

WRC/erb

Dear Mr. Cochrane,

How would "How the Schools matter stands" be?

Sincerely,

MEMBER AGENCY GREATER ATLANTA COMMUNITY CHEST

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November 9, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

On Friday, November 18, 1955 at 6:30 p.m. the Omega Chapter of the Y's Men's Club of the Butler Street YMCA will have its Annual Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers. We are writing at this time to extend a special invitation to you and ask that you be present if you are not otherwise engaged.

The meeting will be held in the Banquet Room of the Butler Street YMCA promptly at 6:30 p.m. and should end about 8:30. I sincerely hope that you will be able to be present.

We are enclosing a card that we would like for you to check and return to us indicating whether you will or will not be present for this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Roy J. Wolfe

Roy J. Wolfe, President
OMEGA CHAPTER, Y'S MEN'S CLUB

RJW;B

Enclosure

Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America

National Student YWCA

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November 7, 1955

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Dr. Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Routh:

I am very pleased that you are willing to meet with the members of our local staff to lead our discussion on socio-economic trends in the region.

Our meeting will be held at Spelman College here in Atlanta and the session which you will lead will be Monday evening, November 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. I am glad that you will be able to have dinner with us and I shall let you know the exact time and place.

I am enclosing the action of our National Student Council of the YMCA-YWCA on desegregation. This will give you some idea of the concerns of our National Movement. As I said to you, this will be a most informal session and I hope we will have an opportunity to raise questions in the area after your presentation.

We appreciate very much your willingness to give up time to be with us.

Cordially,

Doris V. Wilson

Doris V. Wilson
National Student Secretary
Southern Region

DVW:js
Encl.

BE IT RESOLVED that this NSCY:

1. Urge all Student YMCAs and YWCAs and SCAs to work for the removal of racial discrimination on all levels of the YMCA, YWCA and SCA movement;

2. Urge Student YMCAs, YWCAs, and SCAs to work with and through the members of local and national fraternities and sororities to eliminate the discriminatory clauses from fraternity constitutions, and work for continuous free community within these groups.

3. Urge Student YMCAs, YWCAs, and SCAs to encourage college and university administrations to take steps toward eliminating discriminatory practices on the campus and in the community.

4. Urge Student YMCAs, YWCAs, and SCAs to cooperate with other organizations working to eliminate discriminatory practices, such as National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Urban League, Anti-Defamation League, and similar groups concerned with the practice of democracy.

5. Urge Student YMCAs, YWCAs, and SCAs to include in their program an emphasis on eliminating discriminatory practices in dormitories, eating places, barbershops, theaters, etc., as well as developing a positive approach to intercultural relations on the campus and in the community.

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Fred Routh

NATIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY
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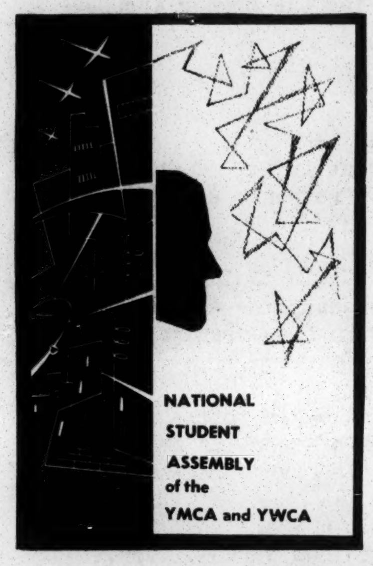

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DECISIONS
of the
FIFTH NATIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY

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THE MESSAGE of the ASSEMBLY to the MOVEMENT

Recognizing that no single statement can represent the complete response of any one of us, this statement is approved as the message of the Fifth National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA.

The Nature of the Message

As delegates from four or five hundred Christian Associations in forty-eight states and Hawaii, we came to this Assembly to confront the inescapable question God asks of every person: "Where are you?". We have tried to embody in the message our experience in the Assembly, rather than to proclaim the total task of our movement at this time. Our message is not a series of basic affirmations about the faith or about the movement, nor a set of directives. We have faithfully tried to express the essence of what has happened to us at the Assembly, of what the Assembly has said to us. The message does not reflect all of our individual responses and may reflect some responses which are not yet ours. Yet we trust it gathers up our responses in a deeply genuine statement of where we are. We believe it reveals the nature and the reality of our movement through persons who compose it.

The Message

We are confronted with God's question, "Where are you?"

God asks of every man "Where are you?" Each one of us is called to respond to God's question. As we have faced this question at the Fifth National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA, we have been forced to examine the center around which we have oriented our lives.

We respond differently

Some of us are puzzled to know what it means to say that it is God who asks us where we are. Fearful we hide, confused we fail to respond, even though we feel deeply our personal involvement.

Others of us have been pushed to our intellectual limits in facing this question. We realize the inadequacy of our education and determine as students to use our university experience to ask and grapple with the questions of our existence.

Many of us have been able to respond to God's call. We begin to see where we stand in the situation of our time. We see God's work of creation as a continuous process in history and realize the power that is ours as agents of his activity.

We shall continue to respond to God's call, each in his own personal way. There will be differences among us. This very diversity demands that we respect the freedom of others, and that we listen sensitively to one another.

In our search we find community

For the first time, many of us are experiencing the meaning of Christian community. Though alone and afraid, we find that as we are able to communicate with others without fear, we are freed to face ourselves as we really are. Realizing our incompleteness, we reach out to other persons in community, and in the deeper relationships of person with person, of man and woman. Relationship enhances rather than limits our personal freedom.

For some of us the experience of living with persons of other races has deepened our understanding of community. We are beginning to see that diversity can enrich community; for even in the heat of debate, as we bring our conflicting convictions to bear upon our common problems, we find community at a deeper level.

We seek community on the campus

We covet the experience of community for the campus. We seek loving accepting relationships among the members of all campus groups. Our experience in finding community at the Assembly, despite our differences, leads us to realize that meaningful mutual understanding can be found on our campuses.

We feel compelled to act responsibly, but find it difficult

Through our encounter with each other at the Assembly, we have come to see more profoundly what it means to be Christian, but we are humbled as we realize how far short we fall of the demands of our faith.

In the midst of fearful and uncertain times, we confess that we have failed to respond responsibly. We confess that we have been victims of fear, rather than victors of faith in action.

We affirm our responsibility to act even though there is wide diversity in our response. We feel compelled to responsible action, yet we are often frustrated because of our inadequate knowledge, our difficulty in realizing how to act, our fear of being rejected, or our painful awareness that Christians do differ. Decisions are continually demanded of us that we are not ready to make. We realize also that our convictions may change. Yet we must decide, we must act, as responsibly as we can, where we are now. Our faith and our action belong together. When we act, our action is taken in faith.

Our responsibility to act is not only that of a solitary individual doing his duty but is strengthened in corporate action. Our task as individuals and as a movement is found in our relation to each other as men and women, in our calling to be Christian students, and in our responsibility for the larger society. We are compelled to search for ourselves, to struggle for our freedom, and to seek a firmer basis of hope than our strivings can attain.

We consider our faith and our conviction

We need a deeper basis of confidence than mere self-assurance. Yet reliance on reason is essential in this quest. We believe there is a spark of goodness and promise in our own nature, which is a part of God's creation. While our conceptions of God differ, we are united in groping toward him as the ultimate reality with whom we must come to terms. We are dependent on him and are bound by his law in history and in nature.

That we have failed to live up to our best, we freely confess. We begin to grasp the meaning of guilt and divine judgment, but we do not understand clearly the theological statements about these concepts. We have cut ourselves off from the roots of our own existence by being superficial, self-centered and indifferent. We want to return to God and gain the sense of his reality and nearness. Our thinking is often distorted by the estrangement of our lives from God. Sometimes we are separated from him by conformity to the group in which we live. We seek the freedom which comes from God. We know that this is responsible freedom, because God has called us to serve others and to share in their lives through love. We hope that as we open our lives to God and to our fellowmen he will make himself known more fully to us.

While we are assembled here as Christian students, we feel we have some revealing of God in Jesus Christ, but we need more light on what this means and can mean to us. We hope to learn more through thoughtful study and the daily practice of that discipleship to which we have been summoned in this Assembly. As we devote ourselves to the best we know, we shall come to fuller understanding.

We have come to realize that Christian faith has a dimension deeper than intellectual opinion; that it involves the whole being of a person. We want to understand it more fully as a gift of God that pervades and strengthens our lives.

We affirm

Though we are fully aware of the limitations of our understanding of all that our faith implies for the student Christian movement and for ourselves as individuals, we affirm that:

We are called to be Christian students and to exemplify and declare on our campuses the faith and calling by which we live;

We are called to give our energies to strengthen the Christian student movement as an instrument of God's purpose in history;

We are called to discover faith in the midst of the complexity of life and not apart from it, engaging in honest thought and earnest commitment;

We are called to build a community of free persons that transcends the limitations of self, campus, race, or nation, even while it respects the diversity of human life and the right and duty of each person to find God and richness of life in his own situation;

We are called to be seekers of that deeper faith by which the Church lives, and to grow continually in the understanding and application of that faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

STATEMENT on EFFECTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Note: Due to insufficient time in plenary session, not all of this statement was adopted by the Assembly. Those sections marked with an asterisk (*) were adopted provisionally and referred to the National Student Council of the YMCA and YWCA for final action.

The Proposed Use of This Statement

Since the National Student Assembly determines policy for the national movement, responsible legislative actions taken by the Assembly are mandates to the national movement and its committees and staff members. It is expected that the Statement on Effective Citizenship will be circulated to the movement through its regular regional, local, and publication channels. It is expected that the National Student Council of the YMCA and YWCA and its appropriate sub-committees, particularly the Administrative Committee and the Program Commission, will take action in appropriate ways to implement the Statement on Effective Citizenship. Student YMCAs, YWCAs and CAs are not bound by the Statement on Effective Citizenship, but are expected as members of the movement to give serious consideration to all Assembly actions.

Preamble

We believe that God has created our material world and is sovereign over history, that Jesus Christ redeems the whole man and all social relations, and that God through his spirit guides the world-wide Christian community as it ministers to the spiritual and material needs of men. Our faith is relevant to the responsibilities of Christians as citizens. However, this faith does not offer specific solutions or technical answers to social, economic, or political problems. The program or policy of any particular group, party, nation, or international organization cannot be equated with the mission of the Christian community. Nevertheless, this faith requires us, as citizens and as members of the academic community, to select those channels through which we must fulfill our civic and campus responsibilities. Acknowledging the limitations of all of these human institutions, we obligate ourselves to search out, by prayer, study, and action, those policies, groups, and parties which will enable us best to serve our fellowmen. God requires us to work through such human agencies for a responsible society, in which free men would seek justice and public order and where they would recognize their responsibility to God as stewards of political authority and economic power. In humility, we affirm our belief that God calls us to unite in the struggle for freedom, the achievement of justice in national affairs and the development of a peaceful world community. We charge the Committee on Effective Citizenship to express to all and to remind us of the Christian principles we use to make our decisions on current affairs. The Committee on Effective Citizenship shall:

1. Voice the sentiments of the National Student Assembly on those issues upon which we can take a responsible stand as Christians at the present time.

2. Stimulate individual and group concern, study, and action on issues on which we take a stand; and stimulate study of issues on which we are not prepared to take a responsible stand at the present time.

We submit the following issues and areas of concern as representing some of the fields in which our moment of history requires study and action by individuals, by Christian Associations, and by the Committee on Effective Citizenship.

I. The struggle for freedom

God created men to be free and wills that they respond to him and to each other in freedom. We believe that it is the way of free men to welcome diversity within the unity of the nation, and to rely upon individuals to develop and express opinions and to accept their full responsibilities as citizens. Educational institutions have responsibility for seeking the truth and for teaching it without fear. It is the Christian faith that God acts in the world against self-righteousness and all oppression and transforms the structures of human life in accordance with his love.

In this faith we accept responsibility as a student movement to:

A. Voice the stand of the National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA to:

1. Support the preservation and extension to all persons, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or nationality background, of all freedoms - civil, political and religious - guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which include:

    a. freedom of speech, press, inquiry, and study, including expression of economic, political, and social beliefs with due regard to the protection of all from slander and libel.

    b. freedom of peaceful association and assembly.

    c. freedom from arbitrary arrest, police brutality, mob violence and intimidation.

    d. equal rights before the law, which include police protection, the right of an accused person to a fair and public trial in a courtroom, the right to counsel; the right to be confronted by written indictment, evidence, and witnesses against him; the right to present in his own behalf his own witnesses and evidence; the right to have the judgment of his actions depend on an evaluation of the facts by an impartial jury of his peers.

2. Support actively freedom of thought, inquiry, and expression of opinion in colleges and universities; oppose curbs on this expression; uphold free discussion and debate of any and all political, social, economic and religious controversies in our colleges; oppose restrictions in matters such as the recent action to prohibit use of the 1954-55 National Debate Topic by the U.S. Military Academies.

3. We recognize that as a legislative body, Congress necessarily has the right and responsibility to investigate. But there are areas in which Congress is forbidden to legislate, and consequently in which it should also be forbidden to investigate. These areas are enumerated in the Bill of Rights. We oppose legislation to force testimony before legislative investigating committees and view the proposed legislation to legalize "wire tapping", as infringing upon the individual's right of privacy guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution.

B. Stimulate individual students to:

1. Study the effect on freedom of such issues as loyalty oaths, administrative control of the programs of voluntary groups, and the National ROTC Loyalty Certificate.

2. Study the struggle for freedom in dependent areas of the world today and the implications of this struggle for our government's international policy in the United Nations and in its approach to colonial powers.

II. Achievement of justice in national affairs

The resources of the earth are held in trusteeship from God and should be used in accordance with his will. We acknowledge God as our Father and therefore regard all men as our brothers. Each man should have the opportunity to develop his abilities so that they may be used for the good of all men and for the glory of God. No man should be treated as a political or economic tool, but regarded as a person of infinite worth in the sight of God.

In this faith we accept responsibility as a student movement to:

A. Voice the stand of the National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA to:

1. Work for a stable and expanding economy with full production and full employment, whereby natural resources, machinery and man's labor shall be used to meet the needs of all persons.

2. Work for adequate wages, hours, and conditions of work. We believe in the right of collective bargaining. We work for improved labor-management relations where the rights of both groups are respected.

3. Support effective federal and state legislation designed to improve the economic and social well-being of the people. We support adequate legislation for the security and welfare of children, the aged, and the handicapped; we favor federal and state support for adequate housing.

4. Support regional development projects as needed, such as the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Missouri River project.

5. Work for an equitable system of taxation which neither impedes development of the economy nor places an undue burden upon the low-income consumer.

6. Support federal aid to education to enable states to offer equal public educational opportunities in all sections of the nation as long as free and full expression of opinion is guaranteed by the federal agencies that would administer such aid; and work for greater responsibility, locally, for improving standards of education.

7. Work for the elimination of segregation and discrimination on the basis of race, creed and/or nationality, particularly in employment, housing, education, transportation, recreation, and food services; with special attention to the life of Christian churches and the YMCA and the YWCA; and the implementation of the decision of the Supreme Court for the desegregation of the public schools.

8. Support the extension of the franchise, that is home rule, to residents of the District of Columbia, and the admission of Hawaii and Alaska to statehood.

9. Work for a program to improve the economic, social, and political status of American Indians.

10. Support an affirmative immigration policy which would correct certain undemocratic aspects of our present policy by amending the 1952 Immigration and Naturalization Act. These reforms to include:

    a. Admission without racial, national or religious discrimination; replacement of the national origin quota system by a policy recognizing the rights of asylum, the reunion of families, special needs of the free world, and needs in the U.S.A.

    b. Repeal of the distinctions in privileges between naturalized and native Americans.

    c. Elimination of the prohibition on immigration and naturalization of those who conscientiously object to bearing arms.

B. Stimulate individual students to:

1. Study the role of the federal and state governments in their fiscal and monetary policies in preventing both depression and inflation.

2. Study the social responsibility of labor and management.

3. Study proposals for a more adequate health insurance program.

III. Development of a peaceful world community

As Christians we recognize that this nation and all nations are under the sovereignty of a just and loving God. Because all men are members of one family under God, our common Father, we work for the unity of all peoples in one community. The government of any nation is responsible not only to its own citizens, but to the world community and to God. Recognizing that the primary aim of any foreign policy is national security, we believe that our country should define its national self-interest in terms broad enough to take into account the interests, rights, and needs of other nations and peoples. We have, as citizens of this nation, responsibility for international peace and justice commensurate with the power of the USA.

In this faith we accept responsibility as a student movement to:

A. Voice the stand of the National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA to:

*1. Support the United Nations and its specialized agencies by individual and United States Government action, including financial support and the full use of the channels of the United Nations for international action.

*2. Support efforts toward obtaining, within the United Nations, agreements for enforceable disarmament under proper safeguards.

*3. Urge our government to support programs within the United Nations to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

*4. Work both through the United Nations and through the United States Government for the improvement of the standard of living of people in underdeveloped areas through long-range and expanding programs of technical assistance for economic development.

*5. Urge the Government of the United States to maintain openness to the possibility of negotiations calculated to lessen East-West tension; work through the United Nations and related agencies for the extension of intercultural and educational exchange programs to the end of building understanding between the East and the West.

*6. Support federal programs to promote the free flow of ideas across national boundaries by such means as radio broadcasts, books, films, and the exchange of students and other persons.

*7. Oppose constitutional amendments which would limit the powers of the executive branch of our government in international affairs.

*8. Support efforts by our government to promote international trade through reduction of tariffs, reciprocal trade agreements, the simplification of customs regulations and the repeal of "Buy American" legislation.

B. Stimulate individual students to:

*1. Study measures for the creation of a pool of atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

*2. Study the advisability of ratification of the Genocide Convention by our government.

*3. Study the question of admission to the United Nations of the Chinese People's Republic.

RESOLUTIONS

World University Service

A close alliance between World University Service and its parent organization, the Student YMCA and YWCA, has been maintained since its organization as the World Student Service Fund in 1937. Since then, WUS has broadened its scope to include thirty-five national committees in other nations. It has crossed boundaries of nationality and of faith. Today it is involved in extensive student work in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. It has obtained $6,000,000 from American students and professors alone during its short history. This money together with funds from other nations provides needy students with such basic necessities as food, clothing, housing and medical care; supplements educational expenses through building programs, scholarships, books and supplies; and establishes a program of mutual understanding by bringing students to this nation for a free exchange of programs and ideas. Friendship established through these mutual services has become a force for international understanding and world peace.

WHEREAS, we realize that further cooperative effort to meet the needs of a world starving for mutual understanding can give us fuller realization of our responsibility to ourselves, the nation, and the world,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 1954-55 National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA reaffirms its sponsorship of WUS and recommends that:

(a) Student YMCAs, YWCAs and CAs take responsibility for fund-raising efforts for WUS, in cooperation with the local units of other sponsoring agencies.

(b) Student YMCAs, YWCAs and CAs work toward increasing the percentage of income from campus chest drives which is given to WUS, since it is the only enterprise of this kind largely supported by students; and assist campus chests in interpreting the objectives of WUS.

(c) Student YMCAs, YWCAs and CAs take advantage of the fact that surplus food is available for distribution by WUS to needy people abroad, for the cost of transportation alone. We call upon Student Christian Associations to share God's concern for suffering people by supplementing their efforts for WUS in order to take advantage of this chance to share with one another.

(d) Student YMCAs, YWCAs and CAs promote the formation on each campus of a committee, representing the sponsoring agencies, to interpret and promote WUS on a year-round basis.

(e) WUS assist Student YMCAs, YWCAs, and CAs in the development of international programs consistent with the Christian faith.

Student Volunteer Movement Quadrennial Conference

We affirm our support of the Student Volunteer Movement Quadrennial Conference to be held December 27, 1955 - January 1, 1956 at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. This is an ecumenical student conference on the Christian world mission in a revolutionary day. Student YMCAs, YWCAs and CAs are encouraged to study the conference theme, to organize and promote interdenominational study groups prior to the conference, and to explore ways of interpreting the conference experience to local campus groups. Regional Councils and NSCY September, 1955, are urged to consider methods of promoting the conference within the movement.

Racial policy and practices

The National Student Assembly regrets that one of our member Associations did not feel it could participate in this Assembly because of certain discriminatory racial practices in the community of Lawrence and because these practices were not made known in advance to local Associations. We are confident that the decision of this member Association was made responsibly and prayerfully. We also appreciate the efforts of the local and national preparatory committees in working on the problem of discrimination in Lawrence.

In light of (a) our continuing concern for racial practices, (b) the 1954 NSCY resolution on desegregation, and (c) the increasing national trend toward desegregation,

1. We reaffirm the following position expressed by the Fourth National Student Assembly meeting in 1950-51: "Because all men have dignity and worth in their common sonship under God, we believe that the basic foundations for freedom, justice and peace in the world lie in the recognition of full opportunities for all men. Thus there are rights which should be available to all without discrimination as to race, color, sex, birth, social or economic status, or creed. . .

"We are uncompromisingly opposed both to racial discrimination and segregation, and shall work through the means of peaceful, non-violent efforts for a social order which provides every individual, regardless of race, opportunity to participate and share alike in all relationships of life.

"We seek to free ourselves from prejudices and discriminatory practices and shall assure to all individuals the respect due them as children of God."

2. We reaffirm the policy of holding national meetings only at institutions where we are assured that all of our delegates will be permitted the full use of all facilities.

3. We shall continue the policy of locating the National Student Assembly in a community where racial practices will not prevent our full use of community facilities; or where this is not possible, to make our presence in a community an occasion for constructive advance in removing racial discriminatory practices. In either case the relating of national meetings to a community shall be undertaken with the full knowledge and cooperation of local groups which are trying to remove discriminatory practices.

4. We authorize the formation of a permanent National Committee on Interracial Relations to implement NSA and NSCY recommendations on racial policy. We charge this committee with aiding member Associations in progressively developing better interracial relations within their local communities as well as on their campuses. We also charge this committee with assisting the planning committees for national meetings in implementing parts 2 and 3 of this resolution. We further recommend the establishment of regional committees on interracial relations to cooperate with the national committee.

Location of YMCA and YWCA conferences

WHEREAS, members of the Assembly feel that the statement of the Steering Committee concerning racial discrimination in the community of Lawrence, Kansas, was helpful to the general situation, and

WHEREAS, interracial and only interracial groups were offered local services, WE RECOMMEND that conferences be located only in facilities adjoining communities which offer services to Assembly representatives of any racial background, whether or not these individuals constitute a bi-racial group.

Recognizing that this may not always be possible for large national gatherings where special needs limit the available sites,

WE RECOMMEND that when national conferences are held in facilities adjoining communities which do not completely comply with the above requirements, delegates refuse to patronize any local facility which will not serve interracial groups or uni-racial groups of all kinds.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND that this resolution be given to the National Committee on Interracial Relations for its attention and implementation.

Racial discrimination

WHEREAS, racial, cultural and religious discrimination violates the concept that every man is of infinite worth as a child of God; and because such discrimination is by no means limited to any geographic area within our nation, but exists openly in our own movement and in fraternities and sororities on college and university campuses from Maine to California:

BE IT RESOLVED that this National Student Assembly:

1. Urge all Student YMCAs and YWCAs to work for the removal of racial discrimination on all levels of the YMCA and YWCA movement;

2. Denounce and oppose the discriminatory clauses in local and national fraternity and sorority constitutions;

3. Urge Student YMCAs, YWCAs and CAs to try to persuade their college administrations to outlaw those fraternities and sororities which have discriminatory clauses;

4. Instruct the Committee on Effective Citizenship to sponsor and support bills in state legislatures to bar fraternities and sororities with discriminatory clauses from state-supported schools; and to seek the help of student governments in this endeavor; and

5. Urge Student YMCAs, YWCAs and CAs to work with and through the members of local and national fraternities and sororities to eliminate the discriminatory clauses from fraternity constitutions.

Academic freedom

WHEREAS, college and university instructors in our nation are being censured because of books used for texts and references, and,

WHEREAS, college and university instructors are being intimidated regarding their lecture material, and,

WHEREAS, some college and university debaters are not being allowed to speak on the national intercollegiate debate subject of this year, and,

WHEREAS, students have a right to be more than puppets who react to the prejudices of pressure groups, and, WHEREAS, students vitally need to understand the issues of today, which understanding they cannot have until they have examined the issues, and,

WHEREAS, false ideas and ideals are much more dangerous when cloaked and misunderstood than when openly discussed and examined, and,

WHEREAS, freedom can never be preserved through methods which deny the basic freedoms to think and speak, and,

WHEREAS, the faith of Christianity teaches that those who stand for right can never be defeated by the wrong, but can only defeat themselves in adopting the methods of the wrong, and,

WHEREAS, the suppressive methods mentioned above are wrong in the light of the teachings of Jesus, who said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free",

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA go on record as opposed to these suppressive measures in our educational institutions.

Detention of Chinese Students

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: (1) The National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA express disapproval on ethical grounds of the action of the United States Government in preventing a group of Chinese students from leaving the U.S. to return to their country; and (2) The Committee on Effective Citizenship take every measure at its disposal to interpret the position of the National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA to appropriate Governmental officials.

Appreciation

Expressions of appreciation were adopted for the University of Kansas and its officers and employees, the University of Kansas YMCA and YWCA, the Administrative Secretary, office staff, Executives, Program Secretaries, Co-chairmen, Assembly leaders and committee members.

A special resolution was adopted in behalf of the years of service given by Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy:

WHEREAS, Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy has repeatedly shown a very deep personal interest in, a decidedly sincere devotion to, and an abiding concern for the needs and problems of the students of the student movement of the YMCA and YWCA,

BE IT RESOLVED that NSA, 1954-55, express its deepest and most heart-felt appreciation to Dr. Espy with the prayer that God's blessing and grace be granted to him as he moves into a new endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we give him a standing vote of thanks for his years of service which has often been far more than that expected.

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE STUDENT YMCA AND YWCA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Due to lack of adequate time for discussion, resolutions on the following issues were referred to the NSCY Administrative Committee for action:

Universal disarmament enforced by world law

Responsibility for assuming citizenship in the campus community

Presenting of diverse theological positions in movement events and publications

Presentaion to the Student YMCA and YWCA of the letter from the Japanese YWCA dealing with the effects of the hydrogen bomb

Study of question of admission of Chinese People's Republic to the United Nations

Support of _The_ _Intercollegian_ magazine

Consideration of holding meetings of SCAs as well as YMCAs and YWCAs at the next Assembly

Preliminary draft of Statement on Effective Citizenship to be considered by work groups before consideration in plenary sessions at that next Assembly

CIRCULATION OF NATIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY DECISIONS

1. Each Association will receive a copy of all actions.
2. The Sections referred to the Administrative Committee will be reported to them at their meeting on January 28, 1955, and will be acted on at that meeting and at subsequent meetings during the spring.
3. Sections referred to the NSCY will be distributed in the form of preparatory material in advance of the Council meeting and will be acted on in its August 1955 meetings.
4. Action of the Administrative Committee and the NSCY will be reported to Associations through letter or through the pages of _The_ _Intercollegian_.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING ON NATIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY

The March issue of _The_ _Intercollegian_ will include:

1. The message
2. An interpretive statement on the Assembly
3. Brief reports on the insights and conclusions of the Four Sections
4. Statements from the Student Co-chairmen
5. One of the services of worship used at the Assembly

The April and May issues of _The_ _Intercollegian_ will include selections from other Assembly speeches and events.

YMCA

December 29, 1955

Mr. Bruce Maguire
YMCA
291 Broadway,
New York City, New York

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Dear Mr. Maguire:

My expenses on the Cincinnati trip are as follows:

Train, Atlanta - Cincinnati	26.41
Plane, Cincinnati - Atlanta	27.94
✓ Meals	4.57
✓ Tips	.50
✓ Bus	.20
✓ Telephone	1.35
Airport bus	1.20

I enjoyed the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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The Interracial Charter and Related Policy

National Board YWCA of the U. S. A.

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INTRODUCTION

—Interracial Policies of the YWCAs of the U.S.A.

There is little in these pages that is newly written. They contain, however, very important information, for the interracial policies of the Young Women's Christian Associations are printed here under one cover. Oh, that they were as simple to translate into action as to read!

It may well be that, as we comprehend the vital importance of human relations throughout the world, we shall tackle with new impetus the problems of everyday living in our own communities. We understand the universality of human need and, therefore, we must realize that the desires and satisfactions which are common to people in our midst can serve as touchstones of knowledge for the influence we would use to build enduring peace.

May I commend to you this booklet. Refresh your memories on where we stand as a women's Christian organization and when you read the Interracial Charter adopted as a conscious goal for the Young Women's Christian Associations, you will discover fresh courage for leading your generation toward more intelligent living and new moral greatness.

—MARY S. INGRAHAM, *Chairman*
Race Relations Advisory Group, 1946
National Board, YWCA

INTRODUCTORY

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A Conscious Goal— Interracial Cooperation

—from Interracial Policies of the YWCAs of the U.S.A. Edited by Dorothy I. Height, 1948.

The Young Women's Christian Association's history is the story of an organization, motivated by Christian principles, which is striving to bring together young people everywhere, of every race, creed and class, that they may learn to live and work in harmony.

Today the YWCAs in the United States represent 3,000,000 women and girls—a cross section of the American community—drawing approximately 10 per cent of their membership and 12 per cent of the community Association leadership from racial minority groups.

In today's crisis in human relations, while people the world over are in search of answers to problems that bar them from their common goal of a durable peace, the YWCA sees an opportunity to help build world security by furthering mutual respect and understanding among *all* peoples—the nucleus of a world-wide community dedicated to true Christian ideals of fellowship.

The YWCA has never been content merely to state its beliefs in words. The record shows that it has worked and is working constantly to translate its philosophy into action.

The movement stands squarely behind its platform of interracial and intercultural progress. Its conscious goal is best expressed in the Interracial Charter adopted at the Seventeenth National Convention in Atlantic City, March 5, 1946. This reaffirmation of the traditional position of the YWCA, unanimously adopted by delegates from all parts of the country, frames the future course of the organization.

THE INTERRACIAL CHARTER

—as adopted by the
Seventeenth National Convention, 1946.
Presented by Mary S. Ingraham, Member, Commission
to Study Interracial Practices in Community YWCAs
Previously adopted by the National Board, 1944.

The Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States since the early days have recognized their role in society as an organization for all women and girls, and particularly those who by reason of economic, cultural or social environment have not had opportunity to make their full contribution to the common life. To them the Association may potentially be, and often has been, a bulwark against unfavorable circumstance and a channel of creative endeavor.

Today racial tensions threaten not only the well-being of our communities but also the possibility of a peaceful world. Women of the minority races in America form more than one-tenth of the Association constituency, and have a direct claim to the organization's understanding and support. That this responsibility has been recognized and accepted is clear from the evidence of succeeding convention actions. In 1936, the Convention voted that

> **"Associations should continue to work for the building of a society nearer to the Kingdom of God by attempting to create within the Association a fellowship in which barriers of race, nationality, education and social status are broken down in the pursuit of the common objective of a better life for all."**

This fellowship without barriers of race, this better life for all, is an accepted goal which we of the Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States of America strive to achieve. We shall be ever mindful of the variation in the number and range of difficulties to overcome and opportunities to progress. Wherever there is injustice on the basis of race, whether in the community, the nation or the world, our protest must be clear and our labor for its removal, vigorous and steady. And what we urge on others we are constrained to practice ourselves. We shall be alert to opportunities to demonstrate the richness of life inherent in an organization unhampered by artificial barriers, in which all members have full status and all persons equal honor and respect as the children of one Father.

As members of the Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States of America we humbly and resolutely pledge ourselves to continue to pioneer in an interracial experience that shall be increasingly democratic and Christian.

Steps Toward the Common Goal

As further evidence of the YWCA's earnest determination to carry forward a program of inclusiveness, the National Convention of 1946 voted by overwhelming majority to accept the thirty-five recommendations to local Associations based on the findings of the Interracial Study Commission. This Commission, authorized by the 1940 National Convention and appointed by the National Board, spent two years in gathering and studying the facts concerning interracial policies and practices in community YWCAs. Its basic recommendation was:

> **That the implications of the YWCA Purpose be recognized as involving the inclusion of Negro women and girls in the main stream of Association life, and that such inclusion be adopted as a conscious goal.**

The Report of the Commission to Gather Interracial Experience,* along with its recommendations, was printed—and in the hands of community YWCAs—more than two years before it was acted upon in the 1946 Convention. Throughout the country Association leaders reported reactions, sought help on practical problems and interpreted the needs of their communities.

Here are the recommendations as adopted and as they appear in the Proceedings of the Seventeenth National Convention. Indicating steps toward building a fellowship without barriers of race, they constitute the interracial policy of the national YWCA movement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

—presented by Mary B. Tucker,
Chairman, Commission to Study
Interracial Practices in Community YWCAs

Although all the recommendations may not apply to every Association, there is none to which some do not apply. It is hoped that each Association will consider all the recommendations with great care in order to determine the steps that may be taken now to carry it further in the direction pointed by the Purpose, and to evolve a longer-range plan that will keep future steps in that direction.

**Interracial Practices in Community YWCA's*, Helen J. Wilkins and Juliet O. Bell, Ph.D. (Woman's Press, 1944; out of print, but see local Association files).

The Commission Recommends—

To the National Board:

1. Since past experience has proved the validity of inclusiveness inherent in the Association's basic Purpose,

Since the movement shows unevenness of interracial progress due in part to differences in the interpretation of what inclusiveness means,

Since future progress in racial inclusiveness indicates the need of a clear definition of the implications of the Purpose as related to this area,

That the National Board take the necessary steps to formulate a definite statement, amplifying the statement of March 3, 1943, and interpreting the Purpose in terms of inclusiveness. Such a statement should make clear that inclusiveness involves the joint sharing of common concerns rather than the independent activity of separate groups (i.e., integration vs. biracialism) and that in application to Association practice it means:

- **a. Electoral membership is open to all women and girls who subscribe to the Purpose; and all electors have equal rights in the discharge of the electoral function.**
- **b. The constituency is open to all women and girls, members and nonmembers; and those who participate in it are free to do so on the terms of Christian fellowship to which the Association as a corporate body is committed.**

2. Since the National Board is an integral part of the national movement and should be governed at all points by principles that are related to the total movement,

That the National Board apply to its own work the principles that are recommended to local Associations, and implement them in practice with appropriate adaptations to the functions of a national body.

To Local Associations:

Basic Recommendations

1. Since the Purpose, adopted by the national convention and tested in Association experience through the years, stands as the one statement of faith and resolve to which all Associations are committed,

- **a. That the Purpose be used as a measuring rod for all policies and practices to the end that only those may be adopted or maintained which contribute to the Christian and democratic inclusiveness of the Association.**
- **b. That the implications of the Purpose be recognized as involving the inclusion of Negro women and girls in the main stream of Association life, and that such inclusion be adopted as a conscious goal.**

2. That a broadly representative committee, interracial in nature, be appointed in each Association by the board to examine this study in the light of the local situation, and to take the initiative in helping the board to make it operative.

3. That such a committee use the recommendations of this study, in so far as they are applicable, to further the integration of other minority races into the Association.

The Electorate of the YWCA

4. That each Association scrutinize its procedures to make certain that the channels of effective democratic functioning—the full use of electoral rights, participation in annual and other members' meetings, service on nominating committees, as convention delegates, etc.—are open to all electors.

5. That the board of directors be recognized as responsible for fulfilling the will of the total electorate, including the electors in branches, and for administering the Association on behalf of the total electorate.

Administration in an Interracial Organization

6. That members of the board be nominated from those who are in agreement with the Purpose and who will seek its fulfillment to the end that all parts of the Association move toward inclusion of women and girls on equal terms regardless of race; that the board's representativeness be further increased by the inclusion of individuals whose experience gives them special understanding of the problems of Negro women and girls.

7. That Negro women serve on boards and committees with full responsibility and in a working partnership that enables them to make their contribution to the concerns of the whole.

8. That, even when plans and procedures not directly related to race are under consideration, the inclusive implications of the Purpose be used as a guide.

9. That the interracial practices and policies of all groups be reviewed periodically in the light of the interracial implications of the Purpose to the end that interracial policy may be developed consistently for the total Association and practices maintained in line with that policy.

Special Channels for Integration

10. That existing Interracial Committees be carefully scrutinized to determine whether they have a clearly defined function in the direction of the integration of Negro women and girls into a full share in Association and community life.

11. That a conscious effort be made, in non-

branch communities, to increase the participation of Negro women and girls in all parts of the Association program.

12. That the validity of branches limited to Negro members be tested primarily on the basis of their effectiveness in integrating those members into the main stream of Association life; and that, where an Association does not meet this test, and where community patterns do not require such separation, the Association evaluate the possibility of effecting its work for the total community without such a branch.

13. That, where racial branches exist, the Association recognize that planning separately for any racial group in the population (white, Negro or other) is too partial to be sound, and that provision be made for frequent joint approach to the total area under consideration (for instance, branch and central committees for teen-age program meeting together to consider the concerns of all younger girls in the community).

Program and Services

14. That Associations recognize the fallacy of assuming that a Negro group is a homogeneous group, any more than is an undifferentiated group of white people.

15. That, in an organization which functions to bring together women and girls, where there is a conflict of values between developing racial groups and building an inclusive fellowship, the building of an inclusive fellowship transcend the other value; and that racial groups should exist in the YWCA only if program and practices are moving them in the direction of integration.

16. That, in communities where, because of rigid patterns of separation, it may not now be possible for white and Negro women and girls to be members of the same groups, interclub council processes and other intergroup activities be consciously employed to bridge the gaps between groups separated because of race but otherwise organized on similar bases, with a view to bringing them progressively closer to inclusive functioning; and that, in such communities, individuals who are ready for participation in joint clubs be given that opportunity, even though the general constituency may not be ready for such experience.

17. That Associations in communities where there is not a controlled pattern of separation, move as rapidly as possible to include women of like background and interests in the same employed and/or home women's groups, regardless of race.

18. In communities where children of different races attend the same schools, Y-Teen clubs and other teen-age groups should be open to all girls regardless of race. Associations are urged to move immediately

toward this kind of grouping. Such factors as interests, individual needs and age of younger girls should be the basis on which new groups are organized.

19. That, since national projects and conferences for constituency groups have proved useful and effective in building an inclusive movement, local Associations recognize this value both at the point of encouraging the participation of the constituency in them, and of providing opportunities for volunteers working with these groups to increase their acquaintance with the interracial elements of such occasions, so that the impetus toward the inclusiveness gained from them by the constituency may be soundly forwarded.

20. That the Associations operating residences, cafeterias, camps and health education departments, move as rapidly as possible to initiate practices which are in keeping with the Association Purpose, recognizing that there may be necessity for interpretation to the constituency using such facilities but not allowing such constituency to prevent the Association's moving toward its goals.

21. That the interdependence of the Association's movement aspects and the services of income-producing departments (such as residence, meal service, camp and health education) be recognized when the budget is planned so that such departments may not feel pressed to produce income at the expense of negating the Purpose of the Association.

22. That health education departments recognize the importance of adequate health standards for all individuals and apply the same standards regardless of race.

23. That, where civil rights laws support the Association's philosophy of inclusiveness, they be used to further the Association's objectives in relation to the use of facilities regardless of race.

Volunteers

24. That present and prospective volunteers be asked to serve only after the interracial nature of the YWCA has been interpreted to them and they have signified their desire to participate in such an organization; and that capacity for growth in insight and understanding of social and religious values be emphasized as a qualification for service.

25. That, in Associations having Negro constituents, Negro members be placed upon all-Association committees, including personnel, finance, etc., so that white and Negro volunteers learn together new appreciation of each other's qualities and capacities, and so that the needs and contributions of Negro people, distinctive because of the situation of the Negro in American life, may be directly voiced in the councils of the total Association; and that, in Associations having no Negro constituents in a com-

munity where there are Negro citizens, efforts be made to draw Negro leaders of the community into the YWCA.

26. That volunteers, especially those on boards of directors and chairmen of committees, be urged to attend regional and other national meetings and conferences in the YWCA, where Negro as well as white people participate in leadership positions, so that they may have enriching interracial experiences over and above those which may be had in their own Associations.

Staff

27. That, in selecting all professional staff members, candidates subscribe to the YWCA Purpose; that the interracial experience and attitudes of the candidates be carefully surveyed and evaluated in terms of the ongoing interracial development of the local YWCA and community; that candidates be willing to accord the same respect to Negro staff members as to white; that the interracial aspects of the local situation be clearly stated in the job description; and that the responsibilities to be carried by the staff member for developing interracial understanding or activities be clearly defined.

28. That personnel committees evaluate the attitudes of present professional staff members in terms of the ongoing interracial development of the local YWCA and community; that job descriptions of present staff be surveyed and brought in line with the inclusive Purpose of the Association.

29. That in recruiting clerical and maintenance workers, the interracial character of the YWCA be clearly described and explained to all candidates; and that those be employed who are willing to work with members of the Negro race as equals.

30. That Associations analyze their job openings to determine which ones—professional, clerical and maintenance—may be filled now by Negro workers.

31. That when policies related directly or indirectly to interracial matters are under consideration in board meetings or in other situations, members of the staff who are related to the problems concerned be asked to be present and be given freedom of discussion.

32. That Associations give special consideration to inclusion of building, food service and office secretaries in a sufficient number of staff meetings, to give them experience in thinking through YWCA philosophy and purpose in the perspective of the total Association rather than within the limitations of specific departments.

33. That all salary and wage differentials between white and Negro workers doing the same work be wiped out.

Community Interaction

34. That Associations evaluate their practices against the measuring rod of the Purpose as well as against the background of community mores; and that they give greater recognition to constructive forces at work in race relations in community life today and ally themselves with such forces.

35. That the Association, because of its democratic nature and its relationship to many other community organizations, accept as one of its functions a share of responsibility for opening up and maintaining channels for interracial contact in the community.

The National Board Looks at Itself

In transmitting the report of the Commission to Study Interracial Practices in Community YWCAs to the Convention, the National Board reported that it had reviewed its own policies and procedures and had officially endorsed the policies recommended by the Special Committee whose task was to apply to National Board work the principles embodied in the recommendations.

The Special Committee recommended and the National Board adopted:

INTERRACIAL POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL BOARD

—presented by Edith Macy, 1944.

To this end, the committee appointed to review the interracial practices of the National Board makes the following recommendations, some of them related to policies and practices already well established but not officially endorsed, others calling for new or more positive measures, and/or dependent upon action by the Convention:

1. That the National Board and staff maintain the same relationship to women and girls of all races, carrying responsibility for the total electorate as represented in the convention.

2. That the women of minority races serve on the National Board and its committees with full responsibility and in a working partnership that enables them to make their contribution to the concerns of the whole; and that continued effort be made to find for such positions qualified women who have the time to serve.

3. That convention attendance, service on the

Nominating Committee, and other channels of effective democratic functioning in relation to the national movement be open to all volunteer leaders on the basis of individual qualifications without regard for race.

4. That members of the National Board, the professional staff, and standing committees be recruited from those who are in full accord with this charter.

5. That clerical and maintenance staff be engaged only after the interracial nature of the YWCA has been interpreted to them and they have signified their desire to work in such an organization.

6. That there be no salary or wage differentials between white workers and those of other races doing the same work.

7. That the National Board headquarters facilities, including the residence, be available on the same terms to all YWCA members.

8. That the National Board, through cooperation with other national agencies, public and private, accept as one of its functions a share of responsibility for initiating and furthering interracial understanding and progress on the national level.

9. That the National Board adopt a policy of periodic review of its interracial policy, at intervals not to exceed three years.

10. That continued and increased effort be made to engage staff of the minority races on the basis of individual qualifications for all types of professional positions.

11. That the National Board utilize civil rights statutes to facilitate and strengthen its regular operations or special projects after careful consultation with local Associations whenever they are involved.

12. That the convention and meetings, conferences and institutes, initiated by the National Board and planned for attendance on a nationwide basis be held only where interracial housing can be guaranteed in advance.

That, where nationally initiated meetings are planned for attendance on a regional basis, decisions as to housing the delegates be made by the conference committee in consultation with the National Board members resident in the region and with full consideration of the interracial nature of the YWCA.

That, where conferences of the constituency groups (business and professional, industrial, health education, student, teen-age, etc.) are held, decisions as to housing be made by chosen representatives of the group on a national, regional or sectional basis, and with full consideration of the interracial nature of the YWCA.

13. That *The Woman's Press*, the official publication of the National Board, accept advertisements

only from institutions which offer service on equal terms to those of all races.

This Is No New Stand

The stand taken by the 1946 National Convention was neither new nor hasty. It was another significant milestone marking the YWCA's progress on a long-range program.

The YWCA realizes that its program is no panacea for existing evils. Nor is every community YWCA at the same point in interracial development. Nevertheless, nationally and locally, the Young Women's Christian Associations are committed, by convention action, to sincerity of effort in working toward the goal of inclusiveness and in spreading creative good will among all peoples. It is not what the YWCA says, but what it does, that will help to transcend differences in the interest of common concerns.

STEADY STRIDES THROUGH THE YEARS

1908—Seven Negro student Associations became affiliated with the YWCA—first Negro member of the National Board staff appointed.

1915—Interracial YWCA conference held in Louisville, Kentucky.

1917—Extensive work with women of all races expanded through the War Work Council.

1920—Inception of work for wage and hour laws affecting all women.

1932—Local Associations urged by convention action "to foster right public opinion which shall be effective against the menace of lynching and mob violence in every form." Today the YWCA has increased its efforts for enactment of legislation against these evils.

1934—YWCAs urged, by convention action, to encourage and support the Federal Government in policies of interracial cooperation rather than of segregation; to support efforts assuring Negroes protection in the exercise of their basic civil rights.

1938—YWCA members called "to initiate and support efforts to assure Negroes an equitable share in economic opportunities."

1940—National Convention endorses the Geyer Bill to abolish the poll tax.

1944—The National Board appears at both House and Senate hearings in support of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee.

1944—The National Board sends to both the Republican and the Democratic Convention the following proposed plank:

> **The interests of democracy and national unity demand that there must be full integration of racial minorities into the Armed Forces and that racial discrimination and segregation in interstate travel be abolished by federal action.**

PUTTING CONVICTION INTO ACTION

Today, in all parts of the country, YWCAs are moving step by step toward the interracial goal. These instances have been reported:

In Illinois—Mayor's Commission on Human Relations in its largest city cites the YWCA for making its residence halls, swimming pools and general facilities available to *all* young women.

In Missouri—Only interracial dining room in one city is the YWCA cafeteria. This is true in many cities throughout the country.

In Oklahoma—Teen-agers, white and Negro, work together happily in a district-wide conference. In all regions, conferences of business, professional and industrial girls are held on an interracial basis.

In Louisiana—Speakers at the largest race relations institute in one community's history all began by saying, "Thank God for the YWCA!" Often the YWCA is the first to hold interracial meetings.

In Oregon—City-wide director of teen-age program in one community is a Negro woman. Increasingly, in this and other states, staff is employed on the basis of qualifications rather than race.

In Minnesota—The YWCA of a certain city joined with other community groups to insure that a

City Planning Commission and City Council adopt a resolution eliminating restrictions based on race, creed or national origin in real estate deeds.

In Hawaii—Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Philippine and Caucasian women work together on a YWCA board.

In Japanese Relocation Centers—During World War II, work with Japanese evacuee groups in the United States was made a normal part of the YWCA's wartime emergency tasks. The YWCA went into relocation centers with a program that evacuees could operate themselves. Across the country, Associations have helped this group of Americans to become integrated into community life.

II

International Implications of the Interracial Charter

—a statement as adopted by the
Nineteenth National Convention, 1952.
Presented by Janet Harbison, Chairman
Training Services Committee

In 1946 the Seventeenth National Convention of the Young Women's Christian Associations adopted an Interracial Charter as an expression of its Christian faith. This Charter recognized the traditional efforts of the YWCA to do away with racial barriers, and pledged the organization to continued and consistent effort in the future.

Among the affirmations of the Charter was the statement: "Wherever there is injustice on the basis of race, whether in the community, the nation or the world, our protest must be clear and our labor for its removal vigorous and steady."

Since the adoption of the Charter, faithful efforts have been exerted on the part of many Associations throughout the United States to true their interracial practices to the goals of this Charter. At the 1949 Convention there was emphasis not only on the practices, but on the spirit behind the practices. Sincere efforts have been made, progress has been reported, but growing sensitiveness to injustice has taught us that the task has just begun. Our progress has demonstrated, however, that the goals can be reached, even though we falter. We pledge ourselves to more consistent effort to realize the fact and deeper meaning of inclusiveness, and to live up to the goals of the Interracial Charter.

From the beginning, the YWCA has recognized that racial prejudice and discrimination are more than local problems. The national public affairs program adopted at the 1946 YWCA Convention declares that: "Our contribution to a world order in which the administration of justice and the participation of all peoples must be on the basis of racial equality, depends on what we accomplish in community relations at home. The integrity of our democracy is tested by its treatment of minorities." The ability of Americans to participate in a world scene in which colored peoples are in the majority depends upon that integrity.

Since World War II, the United States has assumed a new world responsibility. Interest is heightened, therefore, among peoples of all races in treatment of minorities in the United States. The fresh vision of these peoples has made us more acutely aware of our short-comings; our moral obligation to practice the democracy that we preach has always been with us; our world responsibility gives special emphasis to the urgency that we shall continue our efforts to act on that moral obligation.

Since the YWCA adopted its Interracial Charter, the unity of mankind has been placed in a new perspective by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations.

Each day brings new evidence of the influence of the racial factor upon all the hopes of mankind for a just and stable peace. Each day the YWCA of the United States has first-hand experience with some racial question which has international implications. Contacts with the member national Associations of the World's YWCA, with students and other visitors observing American life, with populations of other countries visited by American members, and the world impact of American racial practices show us that our international racial responsibility is a vivid and present fact.

As members of a national movement which is a participating member of the World's YWCA, we pledge ourselves, therefore, to seek deeper insight into the international implications of the Interracial Charter and to exert greater effort to realize its religious and ethical goals on a worldwide scale.

III

Recommendation on Inclusiveness

—as adopted by the
Twentieth National Convention, 1955.
Presented by Janet Harbison, Chairman
Leadership Services Committee

Once upon a time there was a dear old gentleman who came to his fiftieth reunion at Princeton. He was just a little bit foggy about things, and no longer accustomed to going about by himself. So his class officers thought it would be nice if they let him share a room with his former college roommate, whom we might as well call Jim, so that he could be looked after. This arrangement was perfectly agreeable to the foggy old gentleman until the moment when Jim came into their double room.

"Who are you?" said the foggy old gentleman, with a look of horror.

"Why, you remember me; I'm your old college roommate," Jim answered soothingly.

"Oh, no, you're not," said our hero, decisively. "You're not my roommate. My roommate was a much younger man."

This ridiculous, but unhappy, experience of carrying in our heads an image of a person or thing which we would prefer to believe is the truth, happens to all of us, over and over again. All of us here assembled hold, for instance, an image of the YWCA as a great international movement of women and girls of every race and nation, banded together to live out the ideals our Christian faith bids us realize. And we are right to hold this image, at least as a goal. But we should correct it by an occasional look at the living organism, the actual animal the YWCA is in our towns and cities back home.

For years the YWCA of the United States of America has been a pioneer in including in its local units women and girls of every race and color. In 1946, at Atlantic City, the National Convention adopted a most courageous statement of our intention really to make of our local Associations a fellowship in which there would be no distinctions based on race. Since 1946, we have been continuously at work to achieve this. Several times since 1946, in adopting a statement of Basic Standards which affirms that the YWCA seeks to include all women and girls, and in endorsing the Public Affairs program, with its unequivocal stands for civil rights and the abolition of segregation and discrimination, conventions have reaffirmed what the Interracial Charter stated explicitly. At the last convention, in Chicago in 1952, we took notice of this new urgency which is upon Americans to carry out our ideals of freedom and equality in the light of our growing responsibility and visibility around the world. You will find in the report of the National Board to the convention, on page 21, a statement of some of the work which has been done through National Board channels to help us all take further steps in breaking down barriers in our society and our Associations based on race. And even since the material for this report went to press, there has been compiled a large and impressive account of the work of the YWCA in this field. It is called "Methods of Combating Discrimination," and was prepared at the request of the World's YWCA for use in a conference of non-governmental organizations called by the United Nations, which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, on March 31-April 4 of this year.

So we have not exactly been resting on our oars. But the stream of life moves on, and not quite ten years after our adoption of the Interracial Charter, the situation of minority groups in this country, and the climate of opinion throughout the nation have changed a lot. What once constituted pioneering is just everyday living together in many parts of our land. All sorts of people—not just we in the YWCA—are conscious that to the vast majority of the inhabitants of this globe who are not white, any good and friendly actions of the United States are a little bit soured by the fact that they come from a country which discriminates against its colored citizens. About a year ago, the United States Supreme Court decided that to send children to separate schools on the basis of color is to discriminate, and, therefore, is unconstitutional. This is a great milestone and will reach far into the future. In the light of all this, it is harder to be a pioneer in removing the barriers between groups in our country than it used to be. As the Red Queen said to Alice, "Here, you see, it takes all the running you can do to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that."

If we want to keep the image of our YWCA as a pioneering and creative force in the continuing effort to secure equal treatment for all our citizens, we must run as fast as we can. And if we are to move ahead into the more subtle realm of building a fellowship deeply inclusive in spirit as well as in fact, we shall have to run twice as fast as that. The National Board, therefore, noting that almost ten years have gone by since the adoption of the Interracial Charter, and wishing the YWCA to continue to be an organization which responds to God's love for us by our increasingly comprehensive love of our fellow-beings, presents for the consideration of the 20th Convention, the following statement on "Inclusiveness in the YWCA":

***whereas,* the YWCA, deeply motivated by its Christian principles, has striven since its early beginnings to realize the meaning of "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man";**

***whereas,* in 1936, the 14th National Convention of the YWCAs of the U.S.A., by vote declared that "Associations should continue to work for the building of a society nearer to the Kingdom of God by attempting to create within the Association a fellowship in which barriers of race, nationality, education and social status are broken down in the pursuit of the common objective of a better life for all";**

***whereas,* in 1946, the 17th National Convention of the YWCAs of the U.S.A., by adoption of the recommendations of the Report of the Commission to Study Interracial Practices in Community YWCAs and the Interracial Charter of the YWCAs of the U.S.A. confirmed "that the implications of the YWCA Purpose be recognized as involving the inclusion of Negro women and girls in the main stream of Association life, and that such inclusion be adopted as a conscious goal";**

***whereas,* in 1949 and 1952, the 18th and 19th**

National Conventions of the YWCA of the U.S.A., by accepting the Basic Standards statement, gave directions for practices in YWCAs which included concern that "the community YWCA systematically works to include in its membership women and girls from different economic, racial, occupational, religious, cultural and age groups who are attracted by the Purpose and program of the YWCA," and that "The community YWCA is concerned with the needs of all women and girls of its community. Its program is designed to carry out the purpose of the Association in the community";

***whereas,* the growing world responsibility assumed by the United States brought in sharp focus the urgent need to demonstrate integrity and belief in democracy, in 1952 the 19th National Convention of the YWCA of the U.S.A., adopted the Statement on the International Implications of the Interracial Charter pledging the YWCA to "... more consistent effort to realize the fact and deeper meaning of inclusiveness, and to live up to the goals of the Interracial Charter";**

***whereas,* the rapid strides toward equalization and integration by federal, economic, educational and civic institutions in our own nation during the past few years have caused the YWCA to question the rate of its own progress;**

***whereas,* since the continued progress of inclusiveness practices is of paramount concern to the YWCA, we recognize that new and significant ways must be developed to assess practices and to aid in narrowing the gap between such practices and the goal of inclusiveness;**

Therefore, the National Board recommends to the 20th National Convention of the YWCA of the U.S.A., the following proposal:

> **That during the next triennium, each local Association and the National Board review its progress toward inclusiveness since the adoption of the Interracial Charter in 1946 and to assist in this, materials be prepared and sent to local Associations by the National Board.**
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> **That local Associations and the National Board, on the basis of progress already made, decide upon concrete forward steps to be taken between now and the 1958 Convention, and that a summary of effective experience be reported to the convention in 1958.**

It would be quite easy for us all to nod vigorously and think that this is a Good Thing, and then go back to our local Associations, where life is neither so simple nor so glamorous as it is at convention, and let things go on pretty much as before. But all of us would like to have this recommendation, if we adopt it, really make a difference in life, in local Associations, and in the National Board. What does the recommendation mean when it says each Association should "review its progress," and "decide upon concrete forward steps" to be taken between now and the 1958 Convention? We thought that you might like to know some of the things which may be involved, and accordingly, a group of leaders drawn from all over the country came together to make a beginning on establishing criteria for forward motion in desegregation, and to consider which areas local Associations should be especially working on, in striving for greater inclusiveness.

So let us now, each one, think about her own local Association. Let us consider together several questions which our own Association might ask itself in reviewing its progress, and describe some "concrete forward steps" which we might be taking between now and 1958. Of course, what constitutes a forward step depends an awful lot on where one is standing. But, without being unduly pessimistic, I suppose we could say that there isn't any Association, nor ever will be, which is perfectly inclusive, any more than there is any Association which is perfectly financed. We remain suspended in this, as in all things, somewhere between the beasts and the angels.

Who are the people in my community and the areas round about it, or on my campus? Are there Negroes among my fellow-townspeople? Are there Americans of Spanish-speaking background? Or Americans of Japanese or Chinese descent? Are there American Indians? If members of these groups, or of other minorities which sometimes may be discriminated against live in our town, do they take part in the life of our YWCA? Do they feel welcome there?

Do electoral members from all centers and branches in my Association have the same opportunity to vote for the Board of Directors? Are there candidates for the Board from more than one race? Are there more non-white members of the Board in my Association today than there were ten years ago? And who are the people who come to Annual Meetings and electors' assemblies—do they come from all parts of the Association?

What about leadership positions in my Association generally? Are there Negro members of all-

Association committees? Or Spanish-speaking or Oriental members, if these groups live in our town? More than there were five years ago or fewer? Are non-whites who happen to be on the Board considered eligible to chair all committees, or just those of public affairs and religious emphasis, but surely not of personnel or finance? If my skin is not white, can I be elected to offices in the Association?

And what about our staff? Do non-white members with equal experience qualifications receive the same salaries as white members? Has my Association thought of employing Negroes to work with groups in the Association regardless of race? If I am a Negro, or of another minority race, and a professional worker in the YWCA, how high can I expect to go? As far as we know, there is no Association where the majority of members are white which employs a Negro Executive Director.

As you planned your convention delegation, did you think about making it inclusive? And as we work on all-Association functions, do we bring all parts of the Association, and all the minority groups within it, into the planning?

In my home town, do all members of the YWCA understand that they are members of the Association, no matter what branch they may be most interested in? If we are thinking of a new building, central or branch, are we remembering that a building located where it is accessible to all racial groups will in the end be more likely to serve the Purpose of the Association than one placed with only one racial group in mind? With our new decentralized program, going out into suburban areas where residential segregation makes it likely that those served will be all of a single race or economic group, what are we doing to give our members the experience of working and playing with other members of differing background? Perhaps we are moving, in our town, toward opening all the YWCA buildings to anyone who wishes to use them, whatever their race, and thinking of the day when we may have a totally integrated Association. If this is the case, who is doing the thinking and planning? Are those who are going to be affected, especially those in a racial branch who have built and cherished something over the years, in on the ground floor of the planning? Is there a plan for capitalizing on the talents and experience of the leaders, staff and volunteers, of the racial Branch which is going to become a center? Is there mutual confidence between the Negro and white leadership in my Association? Do the members of the Association of different racial groups, of different cultural backgrounds, have an opportunity to know one another through interclub councils, all-Association events, groups open to all who wish to enroll, so that they are preparing themselves naturally to be a part of an integrated Association?

Is my Association known in the community as a leader in supporting moves to break down barriers between groups? Do we know what other organizations in our town are working along the same lines and how far they have got? Is it to the YWCA or to some other organization that groups go when they wish to have an interracial dinner, for instance, in communities where this may be difficult? In our Association, have we developed the kind of leaders who are recognized and looked to by other community groups for their help and guidance in making our home towns inclusive?

These may seem like a great many questions. Yet they are only the beginnings of the things we might ask ourselves. Some of us may not know whether our Association has made progress in these areas in the last ten years because we were far too young to take an interest in these matters ten years ago. But this is all right, for all of us, delegates to a national convention, know something about the way our Associations are now. So, before tomorrow, let us take a little time to think, keeping in mind some of the questions we have been asking ourselves, what a couple of forward steps might be in our own Association, and how we can go about getting them started when we get back home—provided we vote to endorse this recommendation.

It is not going to be easy for us as a movement to do what this recommendation suggests, if we adopt it. It may be rather painful to take a look in the mirror and find that the mental image we have held of ourselves was prettier than the actual face we see. The recent advances in desegration, and the Supreme Court decision on the schools, have caused a backwash of resistance to the breaking down of barriers which may make this period a particularly difficult one for us. A voluntary organization, dependent on the good will of the community and on the community's money for its existence, has to have a special fund of courage to take steps of which everyone may not approve.

Yet we have a special opportunity, too, and a special incentive. During the last few years nonwhite peoples all over the world have increasingly come forward to take their place in the councils of the earth. The United States is blessed because its citizens are not all of the same color, and we have, right at home, an opportunity to work and live on terms of equality with people of many racial and national strains. We in the YWCA, an agency which is a Christian movement, have a special calling to seize this opportunity. We believe in a God who loves all of us, his children, and who wants us to respond to this love by loving one another. We cannot love one another truly if we block each other off in compartments according to the color of our skins, or draw a line and say, "This high you may rise, this far you may go, but not farther." The God we believe in forgives us when we act toward one another in ways that are not loving—provided we repent, and keep honestly struggling to do better. As Christians, we believe that if we do the will of God, if we love one another and forgive one another, we have nothing to fear. The springs of courage will flow freely in us, and we will know joy and peace as well. As a Christian movement, we have a very special duty to break down, one by one, those barriers based on race which keep us from being in fact, as well as in idea, an inclusive fellowship.

THE NATIONAL STUDENT COMMITTEE OF THE YMCA

Announces the Appointment of

THE REVEREND LINCOLN MAYNARD CATCHINGS

As Associate Secretary
For Interracial and Intercultural Relations

On the Student Services Staff
of the
National Board of the YMCA

MR. CATCHINGS was born in Houston, Texas in 1914. After graduation from Prairie View College and a period of teaching, he received the B.D. and M.A. Degrees at Howard University in Washington, D. C. He did further graduate work in the sociology of religion at the University of Chicago. From 1942-44 he was Student YMCA Secretary in the Southern Region. From 1945-47 he was a member of the faculty and administration of the Social Science Institute at Fiske University in Nashville.

In 1947 Mr. Catchings was called to the pastorate of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Washington, D. C., where he has served to the present time. While in Washington he has been instructor of philosophy at Howard University, chairman of the Commission on Community Life of the Washington Federation of Churches, and a member of the Board of Trustees of United Community Services and of the District of Columbia Board of Public Welfare. As a Congregationalist, Mr. Catchings has been an active member of his denomination's National Advisory Council on Race Relations and of the Legislative Committee of the Council for Social Action. Interdenominationally, he has been on the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen and is now on the Executive Council of Christian Action, a national organization of Protestants who are interested in applying the Christian faith to social problems. In the summer of 1950 he served as Associate Director of the Christian International Work Camp in Chambon, France.

In addition to his exceptional experience, Mr. Catchings brings to his new post a keen and informed mind, a deep Christian commitment, and a conviction that the YMCA has an important contribution to make to interracial and intercultural relations through its Student Program in the colleges and universities. Mrs. Catchings, the former Rose Mae Withers, has been a National Secretary of the Student YWCA and was Associate Director of the Department of Social Welfare of the Washington Federation of Churches. Mr. and Mrs. Catchings and their seven year old son, Lincoln Maynard, Jr. will make their home in or near New York City.

From the time of the first intercollegiate conference of Student YMCA's in 1877 in Louisville, Kentucky, the work of the YMCA with college students has been interracial. In all sections of the country, the Student YMCA and YWCA have provided thousands of students in every student generation their first and often their only experience of interracial fellowship. The National Student Council of the YMCA is interracial in its composition and staff, and its four elected student officers almost always are an interracial group. In a recent year the chairman was a Negro student from Harvard University. The present vice-chairman is from Virginia Union University. He and a Nisei student were two of five Student YMCA representatives to the Third World Conference of Christian Youth in India in 1952.

Mr. Catchings will build upon this tradition in the Student Christian Movement. He will seek to strengthen Christian student work in the Negro colleges and to interpret in all colleges the meaning and practice of the Christian faith with reference to interracial and intercultural relations. Through the Student YMCA he will help develop new experiments on the frontiers of understanding and cooperation, bringing students together on the basis of constructive human relations transcending racial and cultural differences.

The National Student Committee is grateful to a foundation which provided a three-year grant to make possible the expanded program under Mr. Catchings' leadership. It bespeaks the interest and participation in this enterprise of all who are concerned for more Christian human relationships in our society.

A. BRYAN CLARK, *Chairman*

R. H. EDWIN ESPY, *Executive Secretary*

National Student Committee of the YMCA
291 Broadway, New York 7, New York

YWCA -

January 3, 1956

Miss Harriet Cady
YWCA

Dear Miss Cady:

Thank you for your note. I am back now and ready to pick up work where I left off, much the better after a good rest.

The dates of February 24-26 are still clear so that I would have time to attend the Virginia area meeting and I would certainly like to do so. However, we do not have funds available for travel. Therefore, I will not be able to come unless the YWCA can pay transportation costs. We are extremely sorry not to be able to meet this expense here in the Council, but our work with the state groups involves so much travel that we strain our travel budget to the limit.

I will not be in the office again during January nor during the week of February 13-17 so regretfully we must rely on notes from here on. I will be here from February 6 to 10 if that is any help. Do write me whether I should save the dates for the Conference and any briefing which you can offer in the event that I am to attend.

Please accept belated wishes for a very happy New Year. I am so sorry that we are missing each other in our travels.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne.

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January 17, 1956

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Belatedly, but not less sincerely and earnestly, I transmit official news that the Board Meeting at Tuskegee in November elected the following set of officers for SRC:

Marion A. Wright	President
Paul D. Williams	Vice-President
Gordon B. Hancock	Vice-President
Albert W. Dent	Vice-President
Carter Wesley	Vice-President
Leonard Haas	Counsel

And the following Executive Committee:

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Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie	
Paul Christopher	
John A. Griffin	
Harry V. Richardson	
Maurice V. Shean	
Miss Josephine Wilkins	
E.A. McDowell	
and above officers	

We all hope you will serve as Vice-President.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 17, 1956

Mr. Bruce Maguire, Executive Secretary
National Student Council of the YMCA
291 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Maguire:

Many thanks for the check which puts SRC back in the black.

I had a good time and enjoyed the job, and the opportunity to get to know you.

I recall that this SRC, through the old Interracial Commission, grew out of the YMCA.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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CHESTER TANAKA
THE INTERCOLLEGIAN

January 12, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Dear George:

Thank you very much for being with us in our special consultation with Al Kershaw. It was good to get to know you as a person who is so dedicated to the cause of justice and equality and who is working at it so effectively.

We appreciate very much your taking the time to come up to be with us. Enclosed is a check to cover your expenses in this connection.

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Sincerely,

Bruce

Bruce B. Maguire

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MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STUDENT CHRISTIAN COUNCIL IN THE U. S. A. AND THE WORLD'S STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION

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January 17, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 K. St., NW
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

I think you ought to pour out a good rush of your energy and button up the business of a civil rights teacher for this summer. I got your letter of January 12 and thank you. Pat Knight is a nice girl, but I don't think the boys will take it from her, and I don't think she would do it anyway.

I want you to scare up somebody and lock him or her and have him or her ready.

My North Carolina man is only so-so. His name is Harry Jones and his office is at 121 East Third St., Room 209, Charlotte, N.C. His office phone number is FRanklin 6-6833. He used to work for NCCJ. I don't know how much he knows about union, but he has got some good professional experience in this field, and he is inventive. Give him a try.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 12, 1956

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I hope all is well with you and the family. Unfortunately Emory Via decided that he better finish up his school work. He's also thinking of applying for A Fulbright--so he will not be available to do any work in the south with the unions.

They are pretty well-fouled up in the education department of the AFL-CIO--there are many problems that have to be settled and are quite a long ways from Institute planning. I'm keeping in close tough with them.

Margaret (Pat)Knight who is from Greensboro, N.C. worked in the south for many years with the Textile Workers Union. She's been overseas with the Marshall Plan agency for a number of years and according to rumor will be coming back soon. She will be lookingfor a job--and perhaps she will be available to do some of educational work that you and I have in mind. I will keep you posted.

Best wishes and kindest regards.

Oh yes--who is your person in North Carolina--Are they good? Could they be used to do anything with the unions? The AFL State, County and Municipal Workers have a situation in Raleigh, N.C. in which they need some help--hence my questions.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Segal

January 27, 1956

Mr. Al Payne
Southern Area Council
YMCA
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Al:

I have been puzzled by the queer silence out of Mississippi; and still do think Kershaw ought to go.

Let's get together when you get back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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RECEIVED JAN 27 1956

Pawling, N.Y.
24 Jan 56

George —

Saw "Our" friend Maguire at a Y staff meeting — Sends regards —

Having not heard anything from Mississippi thru the press I assume the new Governor made a deal with the legislators who were anxious to use Kershaw's visit for their own ends —

Looks like you were right & I was wrong!

Al Payne

Set up File on
YMCA Student
Project

SUGGESTED AGENDA
CONSULTATION ON STUDENT WORK — SEPTEMBER 21-23 — BLUE RIDGE, N. C.
DR. JAMES GLADDEN, PRESIDING

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 21

Afternoon: Meeting of Steering Committee

6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Assembly (Fireside in Lee Hall)
Purpose of Consultation - Dr. Gladden
Current Status of Student YMCAs - Al Payne
"The Present Situation on Southern Campuses" - Dr. Guy Johnson

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 A.M. Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Assembly
"The YMCA Philosophy of Human Relations" - Dr. Ralph Lloyd
Panel: "Effecting Social Change in Southern Colleges"
Judge L. L. Fabisinski - Dr. Mozelle Hill -
Mr. Maynard Catchings - Mr. Charles Wharton

Coffee Break

Work groups on Strategy and Program:

1. The "hard-core" campus - Dr. Lawrence Brubaker, Chmn.
2. The "fluid" campus - Dean H. A. Fenn, Chmn.
3. The integrated campus - Mr. John Riebel, Chmn.

12:00 Noon Lunch

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Work Groups (Cont'd)

Rest & Recreation

6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Assembly: Recommendations from Work Groups

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 A.M. Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Assembly
Worship - Dr. Warren Ashby
(Morning schedule subject to revision but plans involve decisions on specifics, e.g. nine months project, selection of possible leaders; cooperation with Y.W.C.A., goals, time schedule, etc.)

12:00 Noon Lunch

Departure

A PROPOSAL

FOR SPECIAL WORK ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES WITH PROBLEMS RELATED TO DESEGREGATION

At its February meeting, the Student Council recommended that special consultations and workshops be held to assist College Associations with problems rising out of tensions as a result of the Supreme Court decision.

In April, Mr. Bruce Maguire, National Student Services Executive, through the Student Committee, requested a grant of $20,000 from the Fund for the Republic for the development of a carefully laid plan to work with campuses in sections of the country where these problems are most severe.

The grant was made on the basis of four general assumptions:

1. That there is an urgent need in a number of colleges for counsel and assistance in working on problems related to racial desegregation.

2. That the Student Y.M.C.A., out of its purpose and concern, is already working in this area and has an experience as well as an organizational structure through which more might be done if resources were available.

3. That there is a diversity in the temper of various colleges in their response to the present crisis, and that strategy must give clear recognition to the need for a variety of methods.

4. That there must be indigenous responsibility on the part of the Y.M.C.A. leadership within the areas and the colleges of most critical need for the development and implementation of any plan.

The request recognized the different types of colleges and their varied degrees of "openness". Some campuses in the Area are already desegregated; others have lawsuits pending; some are officially open but still serve only one group; some are caught in very tense situations.

Although details of strategy will be worked out following an initial consultation this fall, the request suggested five general areas:

1. A consultation or strategy planning session where a small group of trusted leaders would develop the general plan, determine possible locations, and work out various methods.

2. A small number of selected persons from the South who are mature, and experienced would be chosen to visit selected colleges upon invitation, to work with administrators, faculty and students to help them understand the problems involved and assist them in meeting other problems when they arise. There would be a training conference in the fall for these leaders.

3. Scholarships would permit carefully screened students in key colleges to participate in conferences and projects sponsored by our Movement.

4. A group of workshops would be developed across the Area for staff, board members, student officers and faculty advisors for training related to these problems and their possible solution.

5. A full-time staff person would be employed to give direction to the program. He would prepare campuses for visitation and do some visiting himself. He would provide leadership for the consultation and workshops, and in the selection of students for scholarships. He would be based in the Southern Area office, responsible to the Executive of the Southern Area Council.

An agreement has been reached with representatives of the National Board that:

- the funds will be administered under the direction of the Executive of the Southern Area Council in consultation with the National Student Services Secretary;
- the Southern Area Council will assume responsibility for expenditures, accounting, and reporting to the National Student Committee and Board, and through them, to the Foundation;
- any publicity to the general public will be released only after mutual agreement by the Southern Area and the National Student Committee, after proper clearance with the Foundation;
- the person selected to administer the project shall be employed by the Southern Area Council in consultation with, and with approval of the National Student Services Secretary.

This project was endorsed in early June of this month by the Executive Committee of the Southern Area Student Council. It will be presented to the Student Committee of the Area Board on June 21 for their recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Area Board.

June 1956

Engagements
March

January 27, 1956

Miss Bernice Taylor, Executive Director
Young Women's Christian Association
140 E. Hanover Street
Trenton 8, New Jersey

Dear Miss Taylor:

I would like to come, but my Council just doesn't have the travel money to send me around.

If you can find $60.00 toward the travel expenses I will come up for almost any date convenient to you in March, April, or May.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
MEMBER OF THE YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TRENTON 8, NEW JERSEY
TELEPHONE EX 6-8291

ACTIVITIES BUILDING:
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DUNHAM HALL RESIDENCE:
127 ACADEMY STREET

PRESIDENT
MRS. RODERIC C. BAZZEL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISS BERNICE E. TAYLOR

January 25, 1956

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Mr. George Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Southern Regional Conference
Atlanta, Georga

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Our YWCA in Trenton, New Jersey, conducts a series of Public Affairs Lectures each spring. We have a history of securing good speakers in their fields. Is there a possibility that you would be coming in this area in either March, April or realy May and could you give us a date for a luncheon talk, 12:00-2:00, relative to the subject of the current situation in integration as it applies to a Northern community?

Our budget for honorarium is practically nil and it would be very dififcult for us to pay carfare from Atlanta. We know of the talk you gave for the Herald Tribune Forum and wonder if there is any possibility that you could consider giving us a similar one.

Our group numbers 150-200 cross-section community women, Negro and white, minority Negro.

We shall appreciate an early answer.

Very sincerely,

Bernice E. Taylor,
Executive Director

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Engagements -
May

February 1, 1956

Miss Bernice E. Taylor, Executive Director
Young Women's Christian Association
140 East Hanover Street
Trenton 8, New Jersey

Dear Miss Taylor:

May is clean empty from the 1st to the 18th.

Sincerely,

George E. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
MEMBER OF THE YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISS BERNICE E. TAYLOR

January 30, 1956

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Mr. George H. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you so very much for both your letter and the telephone call.

We have conferred this morning and find that our Trenton Council on Human Relations, the organization especially concerned with race relations in Trenton, is planning a public seminar in May. Since the February date would come too early to promote a good attendance, we have decided to combine with the T C H R for an evening dinner meeting in early May and shall hope to bring you for that. We shall clear the date within a short time. In the meantime perhaps you would let us know what dates previous to the 15th of May ~~which~~ you could not take.

Very sincerely

Bernice E. Taylor

Bernice E. Taylor,
Executive Director

BET/j

Under separate cover: "Greenville's Big Idea"
"Greenville's Big Idea Grows"

May 22, 1956

Mrs. Arthur Fabrick
26 Canterbury Road
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Fabrick:

I am glad you are moving ahead.

Well if you were in touch with Harry Jones, who is Executive Director of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, at 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte; telephone number Franklin 6-8333. He is good at planning institutes, etc.

The best idea we can give you is that of the community self-survey. I send you the Greenville, South Carolina short form report, and a copy of the manual on how to do these surveys.* There isn't time to tell you all the story, but the real point is that if you get people to work together on finding the places where growth is needed in the community, you fetch people and progress.

You could do part of it by getting the city school board to impanel a bi-racial committee to find the facts on the schools and figure out what to do.

I could come up sometime but it would cost you my travel. Alternatively I am to be at Junaluska June 6, 7, and 8 at a meeting of the Ecumenical Institute. I don't know exactly where I will stay, but I hope it will be at the Lambeth Inn. Glad to converse then if you or anybody else wants to come over at that time.

Alternatively, in the late afternoon of the 8th I should be driving through Asheville and could stop and see you, but will be much pressed for time then.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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*We are out of the manual. I send you something else, but it does not tell you how to do it.

RECEIVED MAY 21 1956

May 17, 1956

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

At the suggestion of Mr. Russell Branson of the American Friends Service Committee, we are writing you for help in the planning of a Human Relations Institute (1 day) to be held in Asheville next fall.

"We", at present, are the Human Relations Sub-Committee of the YWCA Public Affairs Committee (has been integrated for 10 yrs.). Local groups which have expressed interest in working on the Institute and follow-up afterward are the Negro Citizen's Organization (made up of representatives from the various Negro organizations), AAUW, NCCJ and B'nai B'rith. We hope to have more groups, both church and civic, involved as planning becomes more definite.

As an outgrowth of the Institute we are hoping that an integrated Community Planning Council will be formed, thus providing a continuing medium for exchange of ideas. We are also interested in better employment opportunities for minority groups (have had some talks with Mr. Harry Alston of the Urban League), and in furthering integration in the schools, the field of recreation, etc. A project which we hope will take shape next summer, if not this, is an integrated play group for perhaps the lower elementary school age children. Have you suggestions on how such a program might be carried out?

Mr. Branson has offered the services of the Friends team headquartered at Greensboro in the area of schools and employment when we reach the point where there is work for them to do. Recognizing the need for skilled leadership in this whole field of human relations, we would appreciate whatever suggestions you may offer. Please advise us if there is a fee in connection with your services.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Arthur Fabrick, Chairman
Human Relations Sub-Committee
YWCA Public Affairs Committee

26 Canterbury Road
Asheville, N.C.

May 29, 1956

Mrs. Arthur Fabrick
26 Canterbury Road
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Fabrick:

I can't work transportation for getting to Asheville June 5th. Wish I could, and appreciate the offer of hospitality.

The Junaluska Conference people seem somewhat unsettled as to how much evening use they want to make of me. But I have specifically asked that they clear up for me and for you and your friends a chunk of the early evening of Wednesday, June 6th. These things are unpredictable, but I should think I could count on being through with supper at the Lambuth Inn by 7:00 p.m. Dreadful time to ask anybody to meet, but if your friends could foregather with me at Lambuth Inn by 7:15 p.m., well and good.

I told the Conference that if they absolutely had to lay hands on me by 8:30 or 9:00 Wednesday evening the 6th, they could. But the fore part of the evening is yours.

We dug out of the files a precious copy of the Survey Manual. If Asheville would run through this a'right, Asheville would get to Heaven.

SRC ought to be sent 50¢ for the Survey Manual. If no fifty centses lying around don't go out and dig one up, but if one lies around mail it down.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover this date:
"Your Community Looks at Itself"

RECEIVED MAY 28 1956

May 26, 1956

Mr. George Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thanks for your good letter! We'd like very much to talk with you while you're at Junaluska. Is there any possibility that you could come up to Asheville for an evening meeting Tuesday, June 5, prior to the Ecumenical Institute? We (YWCA) would be able to pay for your lodging if this could be worked out. If not, more of our group could come over to Junaluska either Wednesday or Thursday evening (in preference to daytime) if you have any free time then.

Have gotten a letter off to Mr. Jones in Charlotte, who sounds like a good resource. Also would like to have a copy of the community self-survey manual you mentioned, when you get some more in.

Check
file copies?

We're looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Arthur Fabrick

Mrs. Arthur Fabrick
YWCA Public Affairs Committee

26 Canterbury Road
Asheville, N.C.

Rec'd 6/4/56

June 2, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We appreciate your carving out a chunk of time for us Wednesday evening. At least five or six of us are planning to drive over and will meet you at Lambuth Inn as near to 7:15 as we can make it.

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Inclosed please find one fifty cent piece which will be happy to be exchanged for the Survey Manual.

See you Wednesday night.

Sincerely,

Pat Fabrick

Mrs. Arthur Fabrick
YWCA Public Affairs Comm.

26 Canterbury Road
Asheville, N. C.

June 12, 1956

June 12, 1956

Mrs. Arthur Fabrick
26 Canterbury Road
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Fabrick:

I enjoyed your group a whole lot, and appreciate everybody's coming over at a queer time.

Our Secretary-Treasurer receipts and acknowledges the helpful 50¢.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1956

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
2209 Shadowmorr Drive
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Payne:

I had heard that you were planning some additional activity on Southern campuses. If I can give any advice that will assist you in planning, of course I want to.

The weekend of September 21st is clear on my calendar and I will hold it pending word from you of final arrangements for the conference.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe

August 3, 1956

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Southern Area Student Council
Young Men's Christian Associations
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Payne:

Since I wrote you on July 13th accepting your invitation for the meeting of September 21-23, an unforseen difficulty has appeared. Our Executive Committee has scheduled a special meeting of considerable importance for the weekend of September 21st.

I hope you will understand and excuse my reneging on my earlier acceptance. It is a matter of great regret that I shall not be able to be present at your very important meeting. Perhaps we can get together here in Atlanta and discuss ways in which the Southern Regional Council can be of continuing assistance to you as you undertake your new project.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe

Accepted
7-13-56

SOUTHERN AREA STUDENT COUNCIL
Young Men's Christian Associations
706 Standard Building • **Atlanta 3, Georgia**

July 6, 1956

Dr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Fleming:

As you know, many of the campuses across the South are concerned with varied problems related to the recent Supreme Court decision. Last spring the Student Council authorized us to set up a consultation to develop a strategy which would be helpful to our Associations in colleges which are concerned with this issue.

We have received a Foundation grant which will permit us to do some of the things which are badly needed, and we need your wisdom and insight to help us plot an effective strategy.

We would like to have you join a small group of trusted leaders, at our expense, in a consultation during the week-end of September 21-23, to identify some of the problems which are emerging and to plot an effective strategy for campuses and Student Associations in the South.

This consultation is tentatively planned for Blue Ridge, North Carolina but we will confirm the exact location a little later. It will start with Friday supper and last through Sunday lunch.

There are few more serious problems facing us at this time and we covet your help as we plan ahead. If you can spare the time from your busy schedule to join us at this consultation we shall be very grateful. Will you please let us know at your earliest convenience whether or not you can be with us?

Sincerely,

Al Payne

Alfred C. Payne
Executive Secretary

ACP:mt

EB what was this?

GSM

Dr. Mitchell - Several items of cause. re - so I give you the folder. EB

August 22, 1956

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Southern Area Student Council
Young Men's Christian Associations
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Payne:

I appreciate your understanding letter of August 7th.

George Mitchell, Fred Routh and I would all be delighted to discuss with you your plans for the expanded program. Give us a call at your convenience.

I was delighted to see the "underground" newspaper put out by the Mississippi students. It is good to see that satire and independent thinking are still very much alive there.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

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SOUTHERN AREA STUDENT COUNCIL

Young Men's Christian Associations

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August 7, 1956

Dr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Fleming:

Thanks for your letter of August 3, and for your earlier one which came to my home during my vacation.

I am just as sorry that you cannot be with us at our consultation as I was happy at the time you stated your schedule would permit it; however, I understand how these things happen and I appreciate very much your interest. I assume, too, that George will have to be at the Executive Committee Meeting also or I would ask him to join us at the consultation.

Meanwhile, I will look forward to chatting with you about some of our hopes and aspirations before the consultation so that we can have the benefit of your experience and information.

You perhaps would be interested in seeing the underground newspaper that a bunch of students in Mississippi are putting out. Satire is still a pretty powerful weapon, especially when people feel so strongly about things. I have an extra copy so you are welcome to keep this if you care to.

Sincerely,

Alfred C. Payne
Executive Secretary

ACP:mt

August 8, 1956

Mr. Alfred G. Payne,
Southern Area Student Council
Young Men's Christian Associations
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Payne:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 7th with enclosure in the absence of Mr. Fleming presently on vacation. He will be returning to the office August 20th.

Cordially,

Sec'y to Mr. Fleming

September 17, 1956

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Warren:

November 28th is fine, and I will show with pleasure.

I have missed the Club this Summer.

Subject will be something like "Civil Rights Today."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

September 14, 1956

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

We have been awfully concerned to know that before very long you are going to resign your position and perhaps leave the South and the Country. This has come as a terrific shock to most people as we have come to look upon you as one of the most outstanding leaders for a "New South" and certainly your going will leave a void which it will be difficult, if at all possible, to fill.

Dr. Mitchell
see attached
corres. (?)
EN.

The Hungry Club Committee unanimously agreed to ask you to speak to it using the date of November 28th if that date is acceptable to you. If it is not, would you give us a date that you could be available and now, it would have to be in February or March as all of our dates up until that time have been committed.

Would you let me know at your convenience whether the date of November 28th is acceptable to you and what would be the general theme which we should carry in our announcements?

Sincerely yours,

Warren R Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary

WRC/erb

MEMBER AGENCY, METROPOLITAN ATLANTA COMMUNITY SERVICES

September 26, 1956

Mrs. Olive Holmes Blum
Specialist in Citizenship Education
Leadership Services
Young Women's Christian Association of
the United States of America
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Blum:

Many thanks, and glad to be at your service on the evening of Tuesday, November 13th in Washington.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council meets in Williamsburg, Virginia, November 14th and 15th. And of course I have to be there for that.

I think you ought to carry a minimum of $35.00 for my expenses in getting from Williamsburg to Washington, and a night's stay in Washington, and getting back to Williamsburg; and I would like it if you could find a total of $50.00.

I understand the subject, and will talk as you suggest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 25, 1956

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Y-Teens of the United States will be sending delegates from all parts of the country to meet in a national conference in Washington ? and New York, November 11 - 17. The conference theme will be "Youth's Role in National and World Affairs," and it will celebrate 75 years of the YWCA's youth program which now serves over 600,000 teen-agers. The planning committee for the conference has asked me to inquire of you whether you would be able to address the conference on the evening of Tuesday, November 13, on problems of integration.

is day before Board meeting

The approach that is planned for this session on integration is broadly this: Now that we have the Supreme Court decision, what is government's responsibility and what is our responsibility, as individuals, for obtaining action? How do we meet and cope with community resistance? The planning committee is very anxious to have you speak to these questions from the standpoint of your familiarity with the problems of community adjustment to the implications of the Supreme Court decision. In order to have as broad a view as possible, we are also inviting the Richmond representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to discuss cases currently before the courts and proposed state legislation in this area, and we are hoping, too, to have a member of Congress discuss the role of Congress in advancing civil rights.

We know how busy you are but we earnestly hope that you will find it possible to speak to these 500 representatives of the Y-Teen movement. Is it at all possible that you might combine this speaking assignment with other business in Washington, and, if so, would you be able to give us an estimate of the share of your expenses that we might carry?

I don't need to tell you about the YWCA's deep concern in this area. It is shared fully by our young members; this is, in fact, a transcendent concern with them and they want to know what they as teen-agers can do about it. It would be a rare privilege for them to hear firsthand from one like yourself who is doing so much in this cause.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience. We hope that you will be able to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Olive Holmes Blum

(Mrs.) Olive Holmes Blum
Specialist in Citizenship Education
Leadership Services

OHB:jb

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October 4, 1956

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Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

We were delighted to receive your letter of September 26, and to know that you will be able to meet with us on the evening of Tuesday, November 13 in Washington.

As soon as our plans are finalized, I will send you a copy of the program schedule, as well as perhaps a selection of the background materials which have been furnished to delegates, so that you will have more information about our conference objectives than I was able to give in my first letter to you. When I write again, too, I will be able to furnish details of the time and place of the session.

We shall do everything possible to meet your estimate of $50 as the expense involved in your getting from Williamsburg to Washington and back; and we are pleased that your Williamsburg assignment makes it possible for you to come up to Washington without too great an interruption in your schedule.

With renewed appreciation for your interest and cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Olive Holmes Blum

(Mrs.) Olive Holmes Blum
Specialist in Citizenship Education
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To build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians . . . .
From the Purpose of the YWCA

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OMEGA CHAPTER
Y'S MENS CLUB
22 Butler Street, N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Called this number
and left message
+ also asked
for Cochrane
re not attending.
EB

November 7, 1956

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Mr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

On Friday, November 16, 1956 at 7:00 P.M. in the Banquet Room of the Butler Street YMCA, the Omega Chapter of the Y's Men's Club will have its Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers.

The Club has asked me to write a number of people who have been friendly to the club or who have rendered service, to invite these people to be their special guests at this Banquet. I am, therefore, inviting you to be present as a guest of the Association and the Club on Friday, November 16, 1956 at 7:00 P.M. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College, will be the Main Speaker and special music will be rendered by the Butler Street YMCA Chorus.

My office will call you later to find out definitely whether you plan to attend. We hope, however, that it will be possible for you to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
BUTLER STREET YMCA

WRC/erb

EB Please call Mr
Cochrane & say I'm
unavoidably out of
town; appreciative; & sorry.

Re those Y teens

I had to know where the show would be, on acct of I'll be toolin' down the road all day Tuesday, and can't fiddle with ringing up Mrs. Sara-Alice when I hit town. So I called NY and got the dope. They knew what church (whopping Unitarian, up nr. 114th and Columbia Road) but their embarrassment was they didn't know the addess of the Church. But I know where the Church is (though I don't know the addess). Talked with boths sisters (Mary Alice and Mrs. Blum. Everybody happy, doing fine.

This on account of you don'T have to put in the ticket all about Sara Alyce.

November 8, 1956

Mrs. Olive Holmes Blum
Specialist in Citizenship Education
Young Women's Christian Association
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Blum:

All straight; and I will show at the big Unitarian Church up around 14th and Columbia Road in Washington some minutes at least before 7:30 on the evening of Tuesday, November 13th. Shall be prepared to do ten minutes and questions, and am glad to be appearing with Bob Carter, who is a good companion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 7, 1956

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This letter comes with details about the session on integration, November 13, of the National Y-Teen Conference which I promised in my letter to you of October 4.

As it shapes up, it will take the form of a panel presentation by you and the other speakers of the evening. These will be Mr. Robert Carter, Assistant Special Counsel for the NAACP, and Mr. Frank McCulloch, Administrative Assistant to Senator Paul Douglas. Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins will be the presiding officer, and, after a brief introduction outlining the YWCA's concern and actions in this area, will introduce the panel of speakers. We would like for the panel presentation to take the form of introductory statements by each speaker on his particular area of concern, lasting not longer than ten minutes. Mr. Carter will talk from his experience with cases currently before the courts and with state legislation. Your statement would follow, on problems of community adjustment to the implications of the Supreme Court decision. Mr. McCulloch would then cover the role of Congress, stressing the fact, however, that if progress is made it will be because of the voluntary agencies rather than Congress at this juncture.

A question period will follow these introductory statements; the questions will have been prepared by a group of the conference delegates who are "majoring" in civil rights. To get full participation, it may be that the questions will also be invited from the floor.

While our program is not yet back from the printers, I am enclosing a copy of the preparatory material which has been sent to all conference delegates. This will give you an idea of the overall objectives and content of the conference. You ought to know, too, that the delegates majoring in civil rights will have received copies of the "Memo on School Integration" as well as the American-Jewish Yearbook reprint, "Civil Liberties and Civil Rights" and "A Guide to Changing Neighborhoods" published by the National Community Relations Advisory Council. I am also enclosing a YWCA publication, "The Inter-racial Charter and Related Policy," an account of YWCA action on integration.

The session is scheduled for 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday evening. I cannot give you the location at this moment; we are still looking for meeting space for that evening. May I suggest, therefore, that when you arrive you telephone Mrs. Sara-Alyce Wright, the conference executive, at the Hotel Burlington. She will be able to give the final details.

Will note on ticket

Once again may I record our appreciation of the fact that you will be with us that evening. I hope the program as I have outlined it meets with your satisfaction.

I am preparing Ed.

Sincerely yours,

Olive Holmes Blum

(Mrs.) Olive Holmes Blum
Specialist in Citizenship Education
Leadership Services

OHB:jb
enc.

November 27, 1956

Mr. William J. Davis
Stiles Hall
2400 Bancroft Way
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

I got word off to Paul Taylor with better than deliberate speed, and I hope Paul will have told you, that while I am deeply appreciative of the offer of a job it doesn't suit me to take it.

The truth is I have got a good job now and nobody has pushed me to leave it, but I am just tired and I want to quit now that I have hit 55 and rest for some years!

I gravely doubt also whether with my long specialization on matters Dixieish I could do a reasonable job under circumstances broadly national.

But I am flattered by everybody's interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

STILES HALL
University YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

2400 BANCROFT WAY • BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA • AShberry 3-6285

November 20, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
906 Lull Water Road, N.E..
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Our mutual friend, Paul Taylor, has suggested that I send you the enclosed items concerning a project which we are soon to undertake here under a grant from the Fund for the Republic.

The statement of "some Qualifications..." was intended for the use of the committee and not propsective applicants, but Paul felt that you should see it. He said you are the kind of person who would quickly rule himself out if he felt he were not the right man for the job.

We are about to close applications. Several have been received. Interviews will commence soon. If you are interested, Mr. Mitchell, it will be necessary that we hear from you promptly. And we shall need to know several things:

1. Personal history: vital statistics, training, experience, references.
2. A statement as to why the position of director of such a project interests you.
3. Some ideas concerning the kind of program you envision for such a project if you were directing it. (The specific ideas noted in the release mean little. The form of the project is "wide open" within the general limits of its description.)
4. How soon would you be available, if selected? How soon could you come to Berkeley for an interview if the personnel committee wished to talk further with you after reading the materials requested above?

Under separate cover I am sending a booklet about Stiles Hall that may give you some further insight into the background of the grant from the Fund.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Davis

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FOR RELEASE: AM Newspapers
Friday, October 5, 1956

San Francisco, Calif. -- A Fund for the Republic grant of $25,000 to the University YMCA at Berkeley was announced today by Roger D. Lapham of San Francisco, a Director of the Fund. The grant will finance a two-year project in education in civil liberties for students at the University of California.

The project is intended to 'illuminate and vitalize the meaning of the Bill of Rights for young Americans,' and will be conducted through seminars, conferences, and discussion programs at Stiles Hall, the University YMCA headquarters at the Berkeley campus.

The project will be integrated into the activities of Stiles Hall, but would have a separate director assigned exclusively to it. He would construct his educational activities around civil liberties issues affecting members of the University community, such as: racial discrimination in athletic events; restraints on freedom of speech and assembly of students; racial problems in housing, employment and social life both on and off the campus; loyalty oaths

(MORE)

and other phenomena that some professors and students regard as infringements on freedom to teach; the question of how Berkeley students might help their counterpart student "Y" members in Southern universities turn to more constructive action in race relations.

This is the second time the Fund for the Republic has taken note of the contributions of Stiles Hall to civil liberties and race relations. Last November, the Fund made a $5,000 award to Stiles Hall for 'distinguished service to freedom of expression, and equality of opportunity.' The presentation was made at a University Convocation by Paul G. Hoffman, Chairman of the Fund's Board of Directors.

The new grant, Lapham stated, will enable Stiles Hall to employ a project director, and will cover his program budget. The Fund regards the project as a 'pilot' venture; the report of this project will be made available to other student [redacted] YMCA's throughout the country, and to other voluntary agencies.

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Some qualifications to be considered in selecting the director for the new Bill of Rights project at Stiles Hall.

(Based on discussion of the personnel committee on October 10, 1956)

1. Must understand the Bill of Rights, be dedicated to its application in our society and committed to the purposes of this project.*

2. Must have training or experience in gathering facts and using them objectively. Should be concerned with "facts first and reform second."

3. Should have had some experience in the civil liberties field. Training or experience should include familiarity with the nation's basic documents and knowledge of the major issues and problems currently related thereto.

4. Must have a satisfactory loyalty-security record and be reasonably free of qualities or associations which would provoke irrelevant or unnecessary criticism. If he has been in contentious relationships in the past, care should be taken that he does not bring these with him to the project. Should not be the kind of person who would "create incidents" simply to prove a point or a principle. His zeal should be "solid" and "level-headed." He must "know the difference between the exploiters of both the right and the left."

5. Should have some familiarity with student work either as a former student or worker with students. Needs the kind of personality which will engender confidence and respect among both students and community leaders.

6. Should possess flexibility of mind and be sufficiently imaginative and creative to recognize and develop new and effective program ideas. Should desire persistently to reach with the program those not ordinarily concerned with such matters.

7. Needs sufficient administrative ability and understanding to adjust himself within the staff structure of Stiles Hall, organize an office, work with committees, set up meetings, keep records, write reports.

8. Should be sensitive to public relations and possess mature judgement in dealing with them.

*Purpose of the project: "....a two year program of education in the meaning and application of the Bill of Rights directed to the University Community."

Prepared by WJD
October 15, 1956

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November 28, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This letter comes to you to express the appreciation of all of us involved in planning for the National Y-Teen Conference for your fine contribution to the session on human relations.

From all accounts, the session was one of the highlights of the entire experience and one which stimulated real probing and re-evaluation of attitudes on the part of the teen-age delegates. Your contribution helped to make it such a valuable experience, and we are most grateful that you were able to make arrangements to be with us.

I understand that you are shortly to leave the Southern Regional Council. This is a loss, but I wish you every success in your new work.

With renewed thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Olive Holmes Blum

(Mrs.) Olive Holmes Blum
Leadership Services

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From the Purpose of the YWCA

December 26, '36

Dear Mr. Cochrune,

Will show, with pleasure and appreciation, January 2.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

December 21, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
906 Lullwater Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

On Wednesday, January 2, 1957, which is the date the Hungry Club will resume after the Christmas Holidays, we would like to have you present in order that we may express to you our appreciation for the work and service you have rendered through the years to Atlanta, Georgia and the South. Since we read recently in the paper that you were planning to retire during the month of January, we would like very much to do this before you leave. Mr. Routh, one of your Assistants, is speaking on that date and we felt that it would be appropriate if we could make this expression of our appreciation at that time.

I am, therefore, writing to ask you to please reserve the date of January 2nd, 12:15 P.M. and to be present at that session of the Hungry Club. We have already taken the liberty of checking with your secretary and found that you did not have an out-of-town engagement on that date.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary

WRC/erb

January 7, 1957

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
Butler Street Young Men's Christian Association
22 Butler Street, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

Thank you for your kind words about my presentation to the Hungry Club January 2. It is always a pleasure to be with such a stimulating group.

We of the Southern Regional Council are deeply grateful for your recognition of George Mitchell. He was well pleased with the plaque and even more pleased with the sincere sentiment behind it.

Best wishes for the continuing success of your Public Affairs Forum.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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January 30, 1957

Make folder for

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

Here is the list of suggested persons who should receive~~d~~ the book you mentioned. I have included the names of the three student workers in this office. Sorry to be late with this list.

Sincerely,
Paul
Paul M. Rilling
Project Director

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America's 10th man.

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March 4, 1957

We are inviting you to meet us in Washington the end of this month to consider the effect of national and state legislation on people in our southern states and the District of Columbia. We will be talking together about the ways in which we can help to assure "a climate of freedom in our Associations" in which to consider our responsibility as YWCA members "to provide experience in which we truly join with others in a world community not lost or powerless but able to influence events, or to persevere in what we know is right even when we meet with discouragement and failure".

You will recognize the above quotations from the statement of Our Task adopted at the 1955 Convention.

The program for the two days - the preparation by the members attending and the leadership secured will help us to consider specific state and national legislation affecting human rights, civil rights, and civil liberties in southern communities. Reports from the Workshop will be used in the regional conferences at Dallas and Blue Ridge.

We hope you can come. If some supplementary financial help to what you and/or your Association can do about expenses will make a difference in your attendance, please fill in the attached form.

Please read carefully the information enclosed about the workshop. A stamped, addressed envelope is provided for your convenience in letting us know by return mail that you can plan to attend or that you are uncertain but could let us know within a week, or that you cannot attend. Your promptness in letting us know will make it possible for us to invite some other member if you find it impossible to come. We hope so much that we will see you in Washington.

Sincerely,
Floy Sparling
Mrs. Eugene Sparling
Chairman, Southern Region
Florence C. Harris
Miss Florence Harris
Correlator, Southern Region

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From the Purpose of the YWCA

March 22, 1957

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Area Student Council
YMCA
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Enclosed you will find the material we discussed on the phone. I am writing Dr. Marcson that he will hear from you shortly.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encl.

WORKSHOP ON LEGISLATION - WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date - March 22-23, 1957

Place - Sheraton-Park Hotel

Registration Fee - None!

Expense - Transportation - meals - hotel room ($5.50 per day in twin-bed room)

Attendance by invitation - to not more than five YWCA members in Alabama - Arkansas - Florida - Georgia - Kentucky - Louisiana - Mississippi - Oklahoma - North Carolina - South Carolina - Tennessee - Texas - Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Selection is being made from among those who attended one or more of the following:

1955 Convention
Seminar - Freedom and Responsibility 1956
Public Affairs Seminar - 1956
Workshops for YWCA Leaders - Dallas - Roanoke Conference 1956
Workshop on Inclusiveness - 1954

The Plan of the Workshop is designed to answer the requests registered in the Workshops for YWCA Members last September in Dallas and Roanoke for more accurate information about current developments in the states - resources available and methods of work.

The Program is planned to consider specific state and national legislation affecting human rights - civil rights and civil liberties in southern communities.

Leaders

Mrs. Eugene Sparling - Vice President National Board Chairman, Southern Region
Mrs. Paul Jones, Chairman, National Public Affairs Committee
Expert in field of legislation
Representatives of a selected number of women's organizations
Mrs. Savilla Simons - General Secretary, YWCA of U.S.A.
Miss Florence Worrell, Staff National Public Affairs Program
Miss Mary Jane Willett - Staff responsible for Workshop

Partial list of other persons carrying specific leadership on program:

Mrs. Carter Wesley
Mrs. John Welborn
Mrs. Birdsall Calkins
Dr. Dorothy Ferebee
Mrs. James Irwin
Miss Florence Harris
Mrs. Matthew C. Pearce

Full information about the program - suggestions for preparation - and a small kit of materials will be sent to those planning to attend.

Schedule · Sheraton-Park Hotel - Washington, D. C.

March 22, 1957 - Friday

9:30 - Registration

10:00 - Coffee

10:30 - 12:30 - Reports from Communities in each state and the District of Columbia

2:30 - 4:30 - YWCA Members consider Freedom and Responsibility

7:00 - 9:00 - Members meet by states

March 23, 1957 - Saturday

9:30 - Coffee

10:00 - 12:00 - Our Public Affairs program is a resource - how to use it

2:00 - 4:00 - The YWCA and representatives of other women's organizations - how we can cooperate more effectively

4:00 - 5:00 - Members meet by states

8:00 - 10:00 - "Here is a task set by our collective conscience"

Next steps - as individuals
- as citizens
- as YWCA Members
- as Associations

All meal times are free - a variety of opportunities will be provided to visit special government buildings - sessions of Congress and Hearings in the Supreme Court.

Meetings for those carrying leadership:
March 21 - Thursday

10:00 - 12:00 - All leaders

2:00 - 5:00 - All leaders

March 23 - Saturday

5:00 - 6:00 - Recorders meet

6:00 - 7:30 - All leaders - dinner meeting

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WORKSHOP ON LEGISLATION - SHERATON-PARK HOTEL

Washington, D. C. - March 22-23, 1957

Return to Regional Office

☐ I plan to attend.

☐ I am uncertain - could let you know by ______.
(date)

☐ I cannot attend.

If you plan to attend, please answer the following:

Do you wish us to reserve a room at the Sheraton-Park Hotel for you?

Please indicate by name anyone with whom you would like to share a room.

When do you plan to arrive: ______________ (date) __________ (time)

to leave: ______________ (date) __________ (time)

Signed by ______________________________
(Name)

____
(Association)

______________ ______________
(City and state)

I should like to request ________ toward expenses for the Workshop.
(amount)

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Being sent to those attending and to " not "

WORKSHOP ON CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION

March 22-23, 1957

Washington, D. C.

The answers to the following questions would be helpful to your Program Committee as it pulls together current information about the opportunities and problems in each state. Please answer these as briefly as possible and send to the southern regional office of the National Board, YWCA, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia, by Monday, March 18.

1. Have there been during the past year any development in your Association - your community - or state - that affect positively or negatively the civil liberties or civil rights of any person?

   Illustrate with one specific illustration:

2. In what ways have national or state legislation strengthened or limited civil liberties or civil rights of any person or group in your Association, community, or state?

   Illustrate with one specific situation:

AFL-CIO request
FFR request
NYC list (Call AFM)
Exec Cttee minutes
" " agenda
Rockefeller Bros. request

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WORKSHOP ON CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

SHERATON-PARK HOTEL

MARCH 22-23, 1957

PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

To answer requests registered by members attending the Workshops for YWCA Leaders held last September for more accurate information about developments in the states, resources available and methods of work.

To consider specific state and national legislation affecting human rights, civil rights and civil liberties.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR THE WORKSHOP

(All meetings will be held in the Sheraton-Park Hotel)

Statements from Our Task (conceived and adopted at the Twentieth National Convention of the YWCA of the U.S.A.) are given as the basis for the considerations of the Workshop.

> "We must continue to be a Christian movement of women and girls of all races, creeds, cultures, economic backgrounds, and geographic locations; that such a movement is significant in this day because it gives a special opportunity for women to take real leadership, and to lift up problems otherwise neglected."

Friday, March 22 - Franklin Room - Morning session

9:00 - Registration
10:00-12:30 - Morning session

Chairman - Mrs. Eugene M. Sparling

Meditation

The Significance of the Workshop - Mrs. Savilla Simons

The Climate in Which We Live and Work -
Panel of Members from each state and the District of Columbia

2:30-5:15 - Franklin Room - Afternoon session

> "As members of the YWCA, we must provide experiences in which we truly join with others in a world community, not lost or powerless but able to influence events, or to persevere in what we know is right even when we meet with failure or discouragement."

Chairman - Mrs. John Welborn, Jr.

Panel giving summary of facts brought out in morning meeting -
Miss Lilace Barnes, Chairman

Freedom and Responsibility - Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee

(Break)

Chairman - Mrs. Carter Wesley
Consultant on developments in the states
Consultant on legislation

7:00-9:00 - Franklin Room - Evening session

> "We must learn more surely our responsibilities as women in society, our relationship to family, job and to a neighborhood which starts next door and moves out to encompass the whole world."

Members meet in small work groups by states

Saturday, March 23 - -

10:00-12:00 - Franklin Room - Morning session

> "Carry out our social responsibility with the Public Affairs program adopted in this Convention as our guide to action, both on national issues and those which arise in our own communities and states."

Chairman - Mrs. John Welborn, Jr.

Summary of work groups - Miss Florence Harris

Our Public Affairs Program is a resource to us - how to use it
Mrs. Paul Jones

(Break)

Chairman - Mrs. Carter Wesley

Ways of work - Miss Florence Worrell

Questions and discussion

2:00-5:00 - Franklin Room - Afternoon session

> "Work cooperatively with all those groups that share our concerns so that we may be of mutual benefit. Our identity is important. We know we cannot do everything that needs doing in the community. Our Purpose helps us to be selective."

Chairman - Mrs. Carter Wesley

The YWCA is one of many groups concerned with human rights - civil rights and civil liberties -

Panel of representatives of organizations

(Break)

Members meet in small work groups by states.

Saturday, March 23 (Continued)

7:00-10:00 - Burgundy Room - Evening session

"Find ways through personal contacts and the channels of our movement to realize our common involvement with women around the world in the upsurge toward opportunities for self-expression, and responsibility."

Chairman - Mrs. Eugene M. Sparling

Summary report of small work groups - Mrs. E. Harris Harbison

Discussion of next steps - Mary Jane Willett

Closing meditation

"These are frontiers. Here is a task
Set by our collective conscience,
Relevant to our day,
And ours especially to choose to do
Or leave undone.
Here is a task, if we have light to see it,
Courage to choose it, will to make it live.
He came that we might have life
And have it more abundantly.
Therefore, choose life.

"Hear, oh Father, hear us
And as we move obedient to Thy will
May we mount up with wings as eagles mount.
Word, depth, and cadence differing,
Yet in one voice
We give Thee thanks
    For what Thou art to us
    And hast been
    And will be tomorrow,
        -Amen"

April 4, 1957

Miss Mary Jane Willett
Young Women's Christian Association
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mary Jane:

It was a real pleasure to take part in your Washington Workshop. I thought both the participants and the discussion were of very high caliber. I only hope that my own small contribution was of some value.

My expenses for the trip were as follows:

Round-trip air ticket	$58.75
Taxis and limousines	7.75
Meals	6.10
Total	$72.60

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. CAL ticket stub

Consultant
Staffing Prog—

YMCA Student Conference - Climax, N. C., May 1, 1957

PRESENT FORCES - PRO AND CON

During the last three years I have served as a sort of weekend consultant for the Southern Regional Council in its effort to mobilize the liberal forces of the South in the movement toward equality of opportunity for all of its citizens. The experience has been stimulating - at times even upsetting to many of my conceived notions of what the race relations pattern was like. But my very preoccupation with the problem close at hand has prevented the kind of "ivory-tower" appraisal which the present occasion would seem to require. Without further apology, then, this presentation will be a very personal but I hope not unduly subjective analysis of the current school desegregation issue. At the least, you will know what my biases are.

A preliminary consideration is that most of the forces operative in the present situation are not labeled pro or con - they are impersonal and need to be assessed not singly - but in their interplay as bearing upon an everchanging social situation. The effectiveness of any given force in contributing to the final outcome depends upon the direction and momentum of each of the other forces involved. It sometimes appears that individuals and even organizations are merely the agents or perhaps the pawns of these impersonal forces. We cannot afford to believe this, of course. To do so would reduce to unimportance the associations to which we have devoted our energies and thus rob us of our reason for being. Perhaps it is more accurate to say that it is not possible to calculate with any degree of precision what effect a given act of an individual or organization will have in a particular situation. A seemingly trivial event may set off a chain of happenings with far-reaching results. As, for example, the arrest of Rosa Parks in Montgomery a year and a half ago.

Basic to an understanding of the forces presently at work in the South is the perception of the underlying pattern of Negro-white relationships. The subordinate position of the Negro in American society has its roots deep in the past and is generally though tacitly, and sometimes unconsciously, accepted by all concerned as a part of the nature of things. In the South the inferior status of the Negro has been stabilized at least temporarily by an amazing complexity of detailed legislation. In other parts of the country where there are no segregation laws, the superordinate-subordinate character of the relationship of whites to Negroes is clearly observable in the occupational distribution, in housing and, to some degree, in places of public accommodation. It is still unusual to find Negroes in supervisory positions with whites working under them. The Negro principal of a school in a white neighborhood or pastor of a racially mixed congregation or manager of a major league baseball team is likely to receive national attention far beyond his ~~importance in the natural course of events.~~ achievement would seem to warrant.

It is not appropriate here to review the historical process by which this traditional pattern became established. The inferiority of the Negro seems to have developed as a necessary rationale for the existence of slavery. As Professor Edgar Thompson puts it:

> "Slavery was calculated to keep a Negro in a state of perpetual childhood - to keep him tied to a master wherever the master might go rather than to a particular piece of land, and to keep him and his offspring in their place forever. ...(but) The naked force of the planter is never sufficient to keep men working at low place. There has to develop some kind of myth, like race, which not only those who rule but those who are ruled accept. It was not sufficient to assert the superiority of the white man and the inferiority of the black man; it was much more important to persuade the black man to accept the allegation of his own inferiority."

Recent research studies testify to the effectiveness of this plantation ideology and to its persistence. Negro children prefer the white doll to the colored doll; a psychiatric analysis of twenty-five Negro adults revealed that each of them "suffered from low self-esteem and a depreciated self-image." The perpetuation of this notion of inequality is the stubborn fact which is central to our deliberations here. Much of the bitterness and frustration which have arisen in the South since May, 1954, stem from the conviction that the desegregation decision marked the beginning of the end of the region's most cherished illusion - that the plantation myth could endure indefinitely in an industrialized society.

Long before the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregated public schools, changes in population distribution and occupational alignments had begun to bring about a gradual transformation in the South's power structure. The dominance of the old plantation areas appears to be on the wane. Along with the rest of the country, the South's rural farm population declined significantly from 1940 to 1950. Meanwhile the urban population increased twice as much in the South as in the country as a whole. Some of the figures for the Negro population are startling. In 1890, nine out of ten of the Negroes in the United States lived in the South; by 1950 the ratio was down to two out of three. Again, im 1890, only one of four of the South's Negroes lived in urban areas; the urban and rural populations were very close to balance in 1950. An easy approximation to remember here is that the present Negro population of the United States is divided into three equal parts - one third in the rural South, one third in the urban South, and one third outside the South. These changes, both cause and consequence of the concomitant industrial transformation so noticeable all over the South, effected a gradual reduction of the erstwhile overweening economic power of the old plantation country to an insecure but still vigorous political control. It is this political control that is the vested interest which seems to be most directly threatened by the impending breakdown of segregation.

Ten years before public school segregation was outlawed, the Smith vs Allwright decision had opened the previously "white" primary to Negro voters. Since in most parts of the South, the winner of the primary has no opposition in the general election, the importance of the Smith vs. Allwright Case can scarcely be overestimated. Coupled with the movement to the cities, this broadening of the electorate is gradually bringing about a shift in the balance of political power. New voting groups in the Black Belt provide opportunity for a strong challenge to the intrenched political leadership there. Meanwhile the underrepresented urbanized areas are demanding reapportionment with ever greater insistence; any equitable redistricting would further weaken the waning influence of the old cotton-tobacco areas.

In some states there is more than a hint of an alliance between the Black Belt politicians and the industrialists. It seems not merely coincidental that many of the same legislative leaders who are now seeking to preserfe segregation also guided "right-to-work" laws through the state assemblies and have consistently resisted the re-apportionment measures that would give greater political power to the industrial workers who are concentrated in the cities. However, this alliance, in the very nature of things, is unstable and temporary because the interests of the two groups are basically incompatible. An educated citizenry will not stand for the sort of manipulation which is the stock-in-trade of the demogogue; a half-literate, poorly organized labor force cannot produce up to the standard required by modern industrial conditions nor can our national economy afford the waste in human resources which "cheap" labor invariably entails.

It is within this context of change and instability that resistance to the desegregation decision needs to be evaluated. Behind the high sounding talk of states rights and the preservation of the Southern Way of Life, the resistance movement appears to be, in essence, not so much a matter of principle as of practicality - the determined effort of a political clique to hold the line against forces of change of which the Supreme Court decision was but the symbol. This does not mean, of course, that the opposition to school desegregation is weak or that the effectiveness of the resistance groups is illusory. Every recent report of their activities proves the contrary. Beginning in mid-summer 1954 the resistance groups had a phenomenal growth - at one time more than forty such groups were reported in various parts of the Southern and border states. There are perhaps fewer now in terms of the number of separate organizations but there is no indication of any decline in members. (The White Citizens Councils claim 200,000 members in the four states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.)

The names of these resistance groups suggest the recurrent themes of major concern. Although some, like the Southern Gentlemen of Louisiana and the Virginia League, are not particularly descriptive, many of the others clearly indicate that they are set up to maintain segregation, to defend state sovereignty, to preserve racial integrity or, curiously, to support constitutional government. There are differences in emphasis and techniques between groups and also differences within the groups. In Virginia and North Carolina, for example, when compared with Alabama or Mississippi, there would seem to be less reliance placed on economic pressure or at least more subtlety in its use. The lack of homogeneity within the resistance movement of a given state is evidenced by the presence of two rival WCC groups in Alabama. But whatever these differences might be, certain similarities in general strategy have emerged. The primary consideration is to prevent litigation or any activity that would conceivably lead up to litigation. The techniques used to accomplish this range from relatively mild legal devices for making action through the courts tedious and expensive to the harsher methods of intimidation and violence. In the words of a WCC spokesman (reported in Paul Anthony's NEW SOUTH article):

> "It is the thought of our group that the solution of this problem may become easier if various agitators and the like could be removed from the communities in which they now operate. We propose to accomplish this through the careful application of economic pressure upon those men who cannot be controlled otherwise."

The other common elements in resistance policy may be thought of as subsidiary and supporting to this necessity of preventing or nullifying legal challenge at the local level. From the first, the state governments in the deep South initiated negotiations across state lines in order to present a solid front to the desegregation forces. Later the various resistance groups, particularly in the states where they control the legislature, have attempted to stiffen the already uncompromising official position and to whip up popular support for it. This solidarity, as actuality ~~of~~ or illusion, has had importance both to induce a hands-off policy in the North and to silence possible opposition in the South. Thus there has developed a propaganda line shared in by all of the resistance groups but varying considerably in the subtlety of the techniques used to advance it. It defines the issue as Negroes versus whites or as North versus South or Communism versus democracy - whichever may seem appropriate to the occasion. Over and over again the basic themes are repeated: "Integration means intermarriage" - "The South will never agree" - "Blood will run in the streets" -"Peaceful race relations are being disrupted" - "Be patient with the South" - "Desegregation will lower the standard of the schools" - "Negroes are diseased and immoral" - "Negroes want to go to their own schools" - etc., etc. The success of the resistance groups in holding the line against desegregation would seem to depend upon the extent to which they can persuade any considerable number of people to accept these evaluations and predictions.

From the outset the prime target of the White Citizens Councils and all other resistance groups has been the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This was a natural result of the success of the NAACP in case after case attacking the segregation structure. Whatever lingering doubt there may have been as to the seriousness of this threat to Southern tradition was swept away by the school decision of May 17, 1954. Brief comment here on the present role of the NAACP is necessary only because the violence of the attacks on the organization have somewhat distorted the facts about its purposes and activities.

There are some who would say that the only thing that has remained constant about the NAACP during its fifty years of existence is its name. This is not altogether accurate but it is close enough. For the most part the organizers were white persons who were inspired by the abolitionist tradition. There was no identificationof the group with the Negroes whose rights they sought to protect. It was not until after World War I that the voice of racial protest was clearly heard and much later still before the Association became the accepted spokesman for the emerging racial minority. It was the organizing genius of the late Charles Houston, of the Howard University Law School, who engineered the shift in major emphasis from agitation to litigation, and which evolved the strategy that has been so successful in the last few years. The strength of the organization is not in its numbers nor in its financial resources but rather in its operation within the framework of the law. It is the legal approach more than anything else that arouses so much bitterness. The petition, as the necessary first step in the legal process,is tantamount to a demand and for Negroes to demand anything is completely out of keeping with the established pattern. It is an unpleasant shock to see the names of humble people - laborers, domestic servants, etc. - attached to a petitioning document which challenges the very foundations of the social order. It is not easy to negotiate with minority leaders who have achieved status through their skill as agitators. Much of the irritation is over the violation of racial etiquette.

The NAACP is under injunction in several states in what appears to be a desperate attempt to prevent further legal attack on the segregation system. At the present time, the Association is devoting nearly all of its time and energy to defense against these attacks. Whatever the short-time result of this struggle may be, it is already fairly clear that during the last few years the efforts of the organization to equalize opportunities for Negroes has kept alive the issue of civil rights and has thus sharpened the meaning of democracy for all American citizens.

Almost invariably when two diametrically opposed groups are engaged in open conflict there arises among nervous onlookers the feeling that perhaps it would have been better if the issue had not been raised in the first place. The prime consideration, in such a case, is to bring an end to the conflict or at least to tone it down so that other people not directly involved can go about their routine affairs without being further disturbed. The difficulty of assessing the forces of moderation in the present situation is that the "moderates" do not constitute a homogeneous group; they differ in their motives and in the way they define the issue. It is not my puppose to attempt to resolve this difficulty here. It may be in point, however, to spell out the nature of the difficulty more concretely. As between those who want desegregation and those who do not want it one would have to identify two groups - those who partially want desegregation and those who want partial desegregation. Neither choice seems to make much sense. In terms of action the only safe middle position between those who agree with the Supreme Court's decision and those who do not is that of accepting it and abiding by it until it can be reversed by lawful processes. Another group of "moderates" enamoured by "State's Rights" doctrine find themselves in a sort of "no man's land" between complete local autonomy and absolute federal control. They deny the authority of the Supreme Court to order desegregation of the schools and at the same time assert the right of the state to dictate the policies of local communities within its borders. Whatever their motives, these "moderates" we have been discussing find it virtually impossible to avoid aligning themselves, for all practical purposes, with the program, if not the methods, of the White Citizens Councils.

Others who conceivably could be referred to as "moderates" are those who agree wholeheartedly with the wisdom of the Supreme Court decision but feel that now that the major victory has been won there is real danger in pushing too hard for quick implementation. At times they are likely to be sharply critical of the activities of the NAACP. Their suggestion is that time should be given for the present chaotic situation to settle a little in order for people to become adjusted to the idea of desegregation. Later it will be much easier to move ahead without friction. John Temple Graves, pro-segregationist writer for the Birmingham Post-Herald, classes these people as the "let-them-alone-and-they'll-come-home" group and derides them for their naive assumption that resistance to desegregation will collapse as soon as the pressure is relieved. Certainly there is nothing in the past performance of present mood of the controlling political clique to justify such an assumption. Another mark of the confusion of this group is their failure to realize that the present role of the NAACP has been forced upon it by the turn of events. There is ample evidence that the push for speedy action does not come from the outside. It is not the result of New York directives. It comes rather from the quiet determination of Negroes in hundreds of Southern communities who constitute the petitioners and the litigants. And the ideology comes from the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and from the basic respect for the dignity of the human individual that is implicit in the existence of every public school and every church in every hamlet throughout the South. These moderates thus underestimate the power of the tide and its inevitability.

In a very real sense these people are not "moderates" at all. They are people like us, who are committed to the revolutionary doctrines of "equality of opportunity" and the "brotherhood of man." They are people who are sure of their values but who abhor violence and are not clear at what point the threat of violence must be accepted as a calculated risk or when positive action is demanded in order that these values may be preserved. They are people who belong to churches and who participate in groups like the YMCA and YWCA - groups that have a role and a responsibility in times such as these. It is particularly necessary in a period of social change that these organizations and their individual members maintain an attitude of quick responsiveness to the evolving social situation which requires a continuous adjustment and readjustment of role and responsibility in the light of their avowed objectives. Otherwise, of course, these groups tend to become immobilized - and complete immobility means death. There is, therefore, no role of moderation for the Christian Associations in the South today. The minimum price of survival is continuous activity - seeking a clearer understanding of how best to serve the ideals to which the organizations are committed. Aroused and militant in their awareness of what their responsibilities are, these groups of high commitment must come to constitute a countervailing force of irresistable power. Increasingly the strategy of the segregationists may be expected to focus upon the prevention of this eventuality.

There are few clues in the foregoing that permit any reasonable forecast of what will happen in the South in the next few years, although the long time trends are clearly in the direction of ultimate compliance with the Supreme Court school decree. There are several highly unstable elements in the present situation. There are inherent weaknesses in the resistance movement because of the heterogeneity of the elements that make it up and the necessary contradiction in the propaganda appeals that have to be made. Sometimes the propaganda backfires and there is what might be called "boomerang" effect. In spite of loudly proclaimed purity of motives, the Citizens Councils, according to most observers, are responsible for the alarming resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan. Hoodlum elements, whether or not under orders from local Council groups, have felt free in an atmosphere of general disrespect for law to institute a reign of terror in some localities.

Spectacular events like the Till murder, the stoning of Autherine Lucy, and the Montgomery boycott, have focussed attention on the South in such a way as to make it impossible to hide even the very insignificant happenings from the eyes of the world. The glare of publicity is frequently embarrassing; a defensive posture is induced and a new control is exerted - the fear that the full picture of the South as it is might be revealed. World opinion has become more important than ever and must be taken into account.

Meanwhile every new school year adds to the number of desegregating communities and every instance of successful desegregation increases what might be described as "constrictive pressure" upon the hard core areas of resistance. Within five years, perhaps even three, there is a better than fifty-fifty probability that some desegregation of the schools will have taken place in every Southern state, with the possible exception of Mississippi. Once the rank and file members of our religious associations come to recognize what their responsibilities are, the collapse may come quite suddenly. "And it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet...that the wall fell down flat..." (Joshua 6:20.)

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May 28, 1957

Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Building
63 Auburn Avenue, NE.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

In addition to our order of yesterday we find that we will need 100 copies of "What's Happening in School Integration?" - public affairs pamphlet No. 244.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling P.

Paul M. Rilling
Project Director

PMR/P

Student YM & YWCAs
Project

May 28, 1957

Mrs. Gladys C. Lawther
Seabeck, Washington

Dear Mrs. Lawther:

In response to a letter from your secretary, we are sending you, under separate cover, 30 copies of back issues of New South to use for possible subscriptions to the magazine.

We do appreciate your interest in the Southern Regional Council's publications; and if we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

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separate cover:

Sent:
10 copies of April, 1956
" " " Feb., 1956
" " " May, 1957

THE STUDENT YMCA-YWCA COUNCILS
in
THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
(Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana)

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Student Y. M. C. A.
909 Fourth Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington

Paul Edward Keyser
Area Secretary

Student Y. W. C. A.
831 S. W. Sixth Avenue
Portland 4, Oregon

Mrs. Gladys C. Lawther
Regional Secretary

May 24, 1957

Gentlemen:

Soon will be our annual Student YMCA and YWCA Conference, June 12 to 16, to which some 100 students will be attending from the four Northwest states. Again integration will be a focal point of our conference. Actually I should say that in the past years our students' deep concern that we all live in brotherhood has been evidenced, for instance, by active support of Civil Rights and FEP legislation (we had assisted the local committee in writing to members of the Oregon legislature and were happy to hear the other day that the existing Civil Rights legislation has now cut teeth, so to speak). We also have had regional workshops on integration at which we have had the privilege of having Maynard Catchings as our platform speaker.

We are grateful to receive the copy of each of your issues and would like to ask if you could send to our conference several copies of the New South along with subscription blanks. We would like our students to know of your reports and make subscriptions. The address which we would like these to be sent is: Student Y Conference, c/o Mrs. Gladys C. Lawther, Seabeck, Wash.

Hopefully,

Loretta Willcox
Mrs. Loretta Willcox
Secretary to
Mrs. Gladys C. Lawther
Regional Secretary

The New South
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63 Auburn Ave., NE
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July 8, 1957

Mrs. Gladys C. Lawther
Regional Secretary
Student Y. W. C. A.
831 S. W. Sixth Avenue
Portland 4, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Lawther:

Thank you for your letter of July 2, 1957, concerning New South. We appreciate the work you and the planning committee have done in promoting our publications.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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July 2, 1957

Mr. John Constable
Director of Information
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Constable:

In behalf of the Planning Committee, delegates, and staff at our Pacific Northwest Student YMCA and YWCA Conference, I want to thank you for sending the sample copies of NEW SOUTH. We told about NEW SOUTH and urged the students to look at it. Actually we did not take subscriptions for the various magazines which we had on display. We did, however, try to acquaint the students so that they might become aware of magazines which they could begin to take as they graduated from college. We hope that many of our students will become subscribers in the future.

Most sincerely,

Gladys C Lawther

Mrs. Gladys C. Lawther
Regional Secretary

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July 11, 1957

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

I am honored by your invitation to address The Hungry Club during the coming year.

October 9th appears to present no conflict, and I shall plan to be with you on that date.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Memo FROM THE DESK OF **HAROLD FLEMING**

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

I am honored by your invitation to address the Hungry Club during the coming year.

October 9 appears to present~~s~~ no conflict, and I shall plan to be with you on that date.

With all good wishes,

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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

July 3, 1957

Mr. H. C. Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Fleming:

Once again we are writing to invite you to be the speaker at our Public Affairs Forum known as the Hungry Club which as you know, meets each Wednesday from September to June. This year, the Club has selected as a general theme, "The Moral Dilemma Facing Us In The South Today." This topic is a general topic and should not limit the speaker but we usually suggest what we consider a unifying theme for each series. We would like very much to have you for WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1957 if this date is an open one for you.

As you know, the group meets promptly at 12:15 p.m. and suspends at 1:30; from 12:45 to 1:00 the speaker's remarks are carried over a local station W.E.R.D. Would you check your calendar and see whether you could give us a confirmation of this date and if not, would you suggest another Wednesday that would be more suitable for you.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R Cochrane
Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary

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October 2, 1957

Mr. H. C. Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Building
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Fleming:

Just a note to advise you that we are expecting you on October 9th (next Wednesday) to be the guest speaker for the Hungry Club.

Thank you again for consenting to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary

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October 11, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Building
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Fleming:

May I take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to you for the splendid address which you made at a recent session of the Hungry Club.

We appreciate the time and effort that you put forth in order to do this job for us and the comments that we have had have been all commendatory. As you know, the Hungry Club is a Public Affairs Forum which is held each Wednesday, September through May and since it has been operating now for more than eleven years, it has a wide listening audience both at the building and on the radio. For that reason, we try to get only people who have a real message and certainly yours fitted well into that category.

Please again know how grateful we are to you for having rendered this service.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary

WRC/erb

VIA AIR MAIL October 29, 1957

Miss Dorothy Height
National Board - YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Height:

I am still congratulating myself on the lucky chance which enabled me to have lunch with you and Miss Raymond.

Unfortunately, I am in town only long enough to give a few instructions. I am asking our research assistant, Miss Manderson, to draw together from our files the kind of material we discussed and to send it to you as early as possible. You should have it within a day or two. I am sorry it wasn't possible for me to make the selection myself, but if you find yourself in need of other information, don't hesitate to write and ask us for it.

Once the bulletin is done, I do hope you will send me a copy. I have added your name, as well as that of Miss Raymond to our complimentary mailing list.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 29, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: John Constable

From: M. F.

Please add the following name to our complimentary mailing list:

Miss Dorothy Height
National Board - YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

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November 5, 1957

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

Mr. Rilling asked me to forward the enclosed card on to you, since he felt that your office could handle it better than we can.

Sincerely,

Margaret Reid

(Miss)Margaret Reid
Secretary to Paul Rilling

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November 14, 1957

Miss Lenice Larkin
Regional YWCA Secretary
3012 Maple Avenue
Dallas 4, Texas

Dear Lenice:

It was good to hear from you. The film will be available for March 1st. However you should have whoever is responsible for receiving it write directly to the Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta , stating when it is wanted, where it is to be sent, and in whose name. The sooner the better.

I have been busy too but have not gone further than Louisiana in a southwesterly direction. I hope a visit to Dallas is not too far in the future.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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3012 MAPLE AVE.
DALLAS 4, TEXAS
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November 7, 1957

Mr. Emory Via
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Emory:

Life is busy and hectic these days, and I am off to Little Rock for our Student Conference which is an integrated one, and will be held at Camp Aldersgate, just outside Little Rock. Our conference theme is "Campus Leadership vs. Campus Conventionalism", and it certainly is an appropriate one.

The South-Central Texas Faculty Conference is interested in using the film "The Face of the South", on March 1., and I would like to know what the rental costs are for the film, and if it is available for that date. The conference will be held at Camp Holden, just outside of Houston, and the film could be sent to the Faculty Chairman in Houston.

My best regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

Lenice

Lenice Larkin
Regional YWCA Secretary

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Miss Marge Manderson
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Dear Miss Manderson:

This note is to acknowledge with deepest thanks the material which you sent at Mr. Fleming's suggestion for use in connection with our communication developed around the Little Rock situation.

I wish I could tell you how very valuable every piece of the material will be. I have just gone through it as I have been away from the office for several days. It certainly seems to me that you were exceedingly thoughtful about the kind of material that would be of greatest value as we try to present an honest, and yet helpful picture to our friends abroad.

Please accept our sincerest thanks, and know that as soon as we can develop the material, we shall send a copy to you. All of us are ever grateful for the contribution which you in the Southern Regional Council continue to make.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Height

Dorothy I. Height
Associate Director for Training
Leadership Services

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To build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians . . . .

From the Purpose of the YWCA

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November 20, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Mrs. Grace Townes Hamilton has sent me a copy of your August 22 memorandum regarding anticipated public school desegregation in southern and border states and another memorandum prepared in December 1956, but revised I think in July 1957, headed "Formerly White colleges desegregating since June 1956."

I have found these documents very helpful and wonder whether you could make copies available to our regional staff who work in these areas. Since that time I realize you may have made a more up-to-date list and if so I would be grateful if you could send these to them. Miss Lenice Larkin, the Southwest Student YWCA, 3012 Maple Avenue, Dallas 4, Texas. Mrs. Edna Anderson, 4315 Avenue H, Austin, Texas. Miss Frances Moser and Miss Doris Wilson, 41 Exchange Place, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

I would appreciate this very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Edith M. Lerrigo

Edith M. Lerrigo

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Y.W.C.A.

Same ltr. sent to:
Mrs. Edna Anderson
Miss Frances Moser
Miss Doris Wilson

November 26, 1957

Miss Lenice Larkin
The Southwest Student YWCA
3012 Maple Avenue
Dallas 4, Texas

Dear Miss Larkin:

Miss Edith M. Lerrigo has requested that we send you the enclosed material.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Encl. (Desegregating White Institutions)

December 17, 1957

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Secretary for Campus Work
Southern Area Council - YMCA
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Payne:

Under separate cover we are sending you 15 copies of the Special Report, Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South, as requested in your letter of the 10th.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

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December 10, 1957

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, NE.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Would you please send us 15 additional copies of the directory, "Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alfred C. Payne

Alfred C. Payne
Secretary for Campus Work

ACP/P

Memo FROM THE DESK OF **FRED ROUTH**

20 Dec 57

Harry****

This is a copy of the Discussion guide I did for the YMCA's International Student Seminar for Paul Rilling.

Heard the good news from the fund raising effort...congratulations. We eat.

Am off to the YMCA gizmo; will return in time for office opening, Monday, Dec 30.

Hope you, Jane and the two boys have a nice Christmas.

Regards,

Fred

HUMAN RELATIONS

Human Relations is a field of study and action organized to help bring about a more democratic society and to assist in the elimination of destructive human conflict which is the greatest obstacle to the full development of the individual.

Basic Assumptions:

1. A democratic society is a goal we all share as it represents the "good" society.
2. Destructive human conflict can be minimized or eliminated.
3. The security and well-being of a democratic society is focused on the individual.
4. A democratic society is a dynamic - ever changing - social, political, and economic system.

Questions for Discussion:

A. The Democratic Society.

1. How do we define a democratic society?
    a) Is it the most desirable form of society?
2. How do we define a democratic form of government?
    a) What is the role of government in a democracy?
    b) What are the limits of government activities in a democracy?
    c) Where is the dividing-line between individual liberty and national security?
    d) Must the foreign policy of a democratic government be compatible with its general philospohy?
    e) Must the "colonial" policy of a democracy be compatible with its philosophy?
    f) Can a democracy have "second-class" citizens?
3. What are the best roles for social institutions in a democracy?
    a) What is the role of the Church or religious institutions?
    b) What is the role of the business community - of industry?

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3. c) What is the role of organized labor?

   d) What is the role of voluntary organizations?

   e) What is the role of political parties?

   f) What is the role of educational institutions - public, private, parochial?

B. The Individual Personality.

1. Why is the individual important?

   a) Religious basis?

   b) Philosophical basis?

   c) Practicable basis?

2. What do you think is meant by this statement: "In a democracy the individual is encouraged to develop all of his potentialities so that he can give back to society the best that he has to offer?"

3. What are the potentialities which an individual should be encouraged to develop?

   a) Why?

   b) How can a society encourage full potentiality development?

C. Human Conflict.

1. Is all human conflict destructive?

   a) If not, how can we differentiate between destructive and non-destructive human conflict?

   b) If not, how do we channel human conflict in non-destructive ways?

2. Is human conflict a part of social transition?

   a) Is social transition possible without it?

   b) Can any society be static - without social change?

D. Human Relations Problems.

1. Racism - what is it?
    - a) How does it manifest itself in international affairs?
      immigration policies: foreign policies: "colonial" policies: at the U.N.
    - b) How does it manifest itself in domestic affairs?
      in citizenship status: in employment opportunities: in social status: in housing patterns: in educational opportunities: in public facility use.
    - c) Is separate-but-equal a valid thesis in a democracy?
2. Inter-religious prejudice and discrimination.
    - a) How does it manifest itself in international affairs?
      immigration policies: foreign policies: "colonial" policies: at the U.N.
    - b) How does it manifest itself in domestic affairs?
      in citizenship status: in public facility use: in social status: in housing patterns: in employment opportunities: in educational opportunities.
    - c) What are its forms?
      anti-Semitism: anti-Catholicism: anti-Christian: anti-Moslem: others.
3. Prejudice against nationalities and ethnic groups.
4. Class prejudice.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
411 SEVENTH STREET
PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

January 7 1958

National Council of Churches
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Ga. Att. of Dr. Lance

Dear Dr. Lance:

Would it be possible for me to have the film depicting George Mitchell's Map Speech for use next Monday, January 13 at 12 NOON?

If this notice is too short to allow shipping time could we book it for February 10, 1958.

I shall appreciate your letting me know.

All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Caroline Lee Gillespie

January 24, 1958

Miss Barbara Hartshorne
Itinerary Chairman
University of Denver Student YMCA-YWCA
University Park
Denver 10, Colorado

Dear Miss Hartshorne:

I have delayed answering your letter until I could give sufficient time to thinking through an itinerary in the South that would have some meaning for a five day trip. As you probably know distances are rather considerable, particularly when you start from Denver, to do very much in the way of getting acquainted with a region so extensive as the South.

I would suggest that you start in the western part of the region, in the Lone Star State of Texas, visiting either Austin or Dallas. In Austin you will find the University of Texas, and a good person to contact there would be Dr. Carson McGuire of the Department of Educational Psychology. In Dallas you will find Southern Methodist University, and a good person to contact there would be Dean Merrimon Cuninggim at the Perkins School of Theology (SMU).

From either of these places you could procede to New Orleans, Louisiana, where you would find Dillard University. A good person to contact there is Dr. A. W. Dent, the President: also in New Orleans is Loyola University, and a good person there is Father Louis Twomey at the Institute for Industrial Relations. Also in New Orleans is Tulane University - contact, Dr. William Kolb, Department of Sociology.

Coming further east you run into Mobile, Alabama, and there you will find Spring Hill College - contact, Father Albert S. Foley, S.J. of the Department of Sociology. Swinging up into the deep South to Tuskegee, Alabama, you run into the Tuskegee Institute - contact, Dean C. G. Gomillion.

Continued . . .

Then on to the would-be Sovereign State of Georgia. Here in the capital city of Atlanta is Morehouse College - contact, Dr. Benjamin Mays, President. Here, too, is Emory University - contact, Dr. Sam Laird, Director of Religious Life.

From here you might proceed up to Knoxville, in the heart of TVA country, and there you will find Knoxville College - contact, Dr. James Colston, President; and the University of Tennessee - contact, Mr. Francis Manis at the School of Social Work. Proceeding westwards, and toward home, one hits Nashville - the so-called Athens of the South - and there you will find Fisk University - contact, Dr. Herman Long at the Institute on Race Relations. Scarritt College is also in Nashville - contact the Dean of the College (whose name I have forgotten); also Vanderbilt University - contact, Mr. Walter Sharpe, Department of Fine Arts. Proceeding westwards to Memphis you will find LeMoyne College - contact, Dr. Hollis Price, President.

From there one may motor across Arkansas and Oklahoma on the way to Denver.

I recognize that this is more than a five-day tour. I would suggest that you stop by the AAA office in Denver and mention the cities in which you are interested and schedule your trip accordingly. If you are sending more than one car load of students perhaps one car could cover several cities and another car several more, and you could pool your experiences upon your return to the University of Denver.

If the group is inter-racial there will be some difficulties in some places. But generally speaking you will find housing available at any of the Negro Universities or Colleges for both groups. In the more liberal or the integrated Universities or Colleges you should have no difficulties at all. But at public or private white institutions in the deep South it will be virtually impossible to house an integrated group together, though there are ways round even this. When your plans are firmed-up I would suggest you write the YW or YM Secretary on each campus which you intend visiting and ask for their assistance in finding you accommodations and interesting people with whom to speak.

If I can be of any further help to you please feel free to call on me. Next time you write Doris Wilson give her my warm regards.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER Student YMCA-YWCA
COLORADO SEMINARY
University Park, Denver 10, Colorado

January 10, 1958

Dr. Fred Routh
Associate Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Routh:

The Student YM-YWCA of the University of Denver is planning to send several car loads of students to various sections of the South during our Spring vacation. We are interested in coming to observe the patterns of race relations and talking to other students from the Southern colleges and universities about these problems. We are coming as students who want to learn more about the situation. We are not coming as a social-action group.

Miss Doris Wilson suggested you as a resource person for us and said you had helped other groups with similar trips.

We are planning to send approximately 13 or 14 students to the South from March 17 through 22. The group will probably be interracial.

I have written to several universities in your region about this matter as we're looking for interested groups who would like to act as hosts to our group. I would like to have any information that you could give me about possible choices.

It is also absolutely essential that our costs be kept at a minimum; so any subsistence hospitality would be most welcome.

I will look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. We will certainly appreciate any assistance you will be able to give us.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Hartshorne

Barbara Hartshorne
Itinerary Chairman

February 10, 1958

Mr. L. Maynard Catchings
National Student Council of the YMCA
291 Broadway
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Maynard Catchings:

Thank you for the National Student Councils' newsletter "Our Concern." It is a fine little bulletin which I am sure helps keep alive interest in the program.

Please feel free to call on me in the future for assistance in any of the special seminars.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL OF THE YMCA
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MR. FRED ROUTH

February 3, 1958

To: Leaders who have participated in conferences or events sponsored by Units of the National Student Councils of the YMCA and YWCA

Dear Friends:

Attached for your information is a copy of the newsletter published by the National Student Councils of the YMCA and YWCA. This newsletter expresses our concern for interracial and intercultural relations. We have noticed in the reports your significant contribution to the work of our movement in this regard. Accordingly, you will find your name mentioned in this newsletter. We hope we may continue to solicit your assistance in this significant work.

Sincerely yours,

L. Maynard Catchings

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MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STUDENT CHRISTIAN COUNCIL IN THE U. S. A. AND THE WORLD'S STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION

February 19, 1958

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Secretary for Campus Work
National Council of the Y. M. C. A.
The Southern Area Council
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Al:

Thanks for sharing with me your letter to Art Levin regarding your experience with "The Face of the South" and resulting suggestions. Aside from helping to make the film available, we have done nothing to enhance its value as program material.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to Ben Sissel, of the Presbyterian USA, SEA Department, who really sired the film. It seems to me that any action on your constructive recommendations should properly be initiated by Ben; certainly we would be glad to cooperate in the preparation of a discussion guide and possibly a take-home leaflet.

I will be in touch with you again as soon as I have heard from Ben Sissel.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Art Levin

March 3, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Area Student Council
Y. M. C. A.
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I have read the enclosed manuscript with great interest. It is by all odds the most detailed and most completely documented account I have seen of what went on in Kentucky during the '40s and to date.

As to the uses of the manuscript, I don't quite know what to suggest. It ought to be published in one of the alumni magazines or prestige journals published by the Southern universities, but I don't know off-hand which of them, if any, would use it. I think the *Journal of Negro Education*, published at Howard University, might be glad to have it, but that is hardly the outlet that will reach the most effective audience. It further occurs to me that Guy Johnson, who has done the most complete job of chronicling integration in higher education, ought at least to have an information copy. Perhaps he could suggest the most useful possibility for publication.

In any case, thanks for letting me see the manuscript. I am returning it, since I assume you want it back. If not, we would be delighted to have it for our reference files. In that case, of course, we would make no use of it without the permission of the author.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Manuscript: "A Case Study of the Process
of Desegregation at the Univ. of Ky.")

Mr. Rilling would appreciate any suggestions you may have as to the use of this paper.

Margaret Reid
Secretary to Paul M. Rilling

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March 3, 1958

Miss Florence Harris
Correlator
Southern Regional Office - Y.W.C.A.
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Suite 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Florence:

As you observed, I was sensitive to the policy question which the definition of the Southern interagency effort raised for you and perhaps for some of the others present at the meeting last week.

Of course, the text of the resolution passed will be incorporated in the full minutes of the meeting when they are ready. But it occurred to me that you might want to have a copy earlier than that, to facilitate any necessary policy decision within the Y. W. C. A.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (The Southern Interagency Effort: A Definition)

SOUTHERN AREA COUNCIL
OF THE
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
706 STANDARD BUILDING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

March 6, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Enclosed is a copy of the recent report concerning our special project in the area of human relations tensions. Any reactions, comments, or suggestions will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul.

PMR:mr

Paul M. Rilling
Associate Secretary

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INTERIM SPECIAL PROJECT REPORT, PROGRAM YEAR 1957-58

As of **March** 1, 1958

I. Assistance to Campus Associations.

A. The Project Director has so far visited the campuses of the University of North Carolina, the University of Florida, Florida State University, Knoxville College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the University of South Carolina, Reinhardt College, Atlanta University, Dillard University, Lynchburg College, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University. In each case, the Project Director served in the role of consultant, conferring with local committees, board members, advisory boards, and sometimes faculty groups and denominational workers. In some cases he has delivered speeches and met with seminar groups concerned with human relations.

1. The Project Director spent three days at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, meeting with the race relations study group, several YMCA groups, and a faculty group. As a result of the consultation it was decided to bring a Negro speaker to the VPI campus as indicated below.

2. In a similar visit to the University of South Carolina there were meetings and speeches involving several YMCA discussion groups, the combined YM-YW cabinets, the campus denominational ministers, the Ministerial Association of Columbia, South Carolina.

3. In a recent visit to Lynchburg, Virginia, the Project Director participated in a series of some twenty meetings with class and other groups at Lynchburg College and at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Involved was one meeting with the Intercollegiate Council, which includes representatives from Lynchburg, Randolph-Macon, Sweetbriar, and Virginia Seminary and College (Negro). Also involved were Assembly talks at Randolph-Macon and Virginia Seminary. As a result of these consultations, explorations are under way looking to the strengthening of interracial communication among the students at these various institutions.

4. A similar visitation to the East Tennessee area is scheduled for the week of March 10. This will involve meetings and speeches at Tusculum College, Morristown College, Carson-Newman College, Emory and Henry, and perhaps others.

B. The Reverend Murray Branch, of the Department of Religion of Morehouse College, spent several days at VPI in connection with World Day of Prayer. We believe him to be the first Negro speaker to participate in meetings at VPI. His visit was sponsored by the YMCA and by the denominational groups at VPI. He spoke to student groups, informal discussion groups, the ministers in Blacksburg, Virginia, the Presbyterian Women, a joint meeting of the councils of denominational groups and cabinets of the YM and YW. As a result of this visit, plans are under way at VPI for the establishment of a Protestant Council to shape up plans for dealing with the tensions on the VPI campus. Expenses were bourne by Project resources.

II. Intercampus Group Visitations

A. During the period of February 26 through March 1 a delegation of five students and one faculty member from Florida State University visited the University of North Carolina to examine the development of desegregation at Chapel Hill. This visit was fairly similar to that carried out by the group from Gainesville, Florida, last year, with the students deciding what questions they wanted answered and whom they wished to see. The group was carefully chosen by the President of the Student Body and the Dean of Students at FSU so that it would be representative of various points of view and various student groups.

B. During the week of October 11 through 13, 1957, an interracial delegation of students from the Southern Area participated in the Illinois State YM and YW Conference focusing on the relationship of politics and religion. This was an interracial exchange at the invitation of the Illinois group. A similar delegation from Illinois plans to attend the YM-YW Summer Conference at Blue Ridge, North Carolina, in June.

C. Intercampus exchanges from segregated to desegregated institutions are being planned with three other institutions. It is highly probable that at least one and perhaps two of these visitations will be carried forward this spring.

III. Student Workshop Activities

A. Activities to date

1. By cooperating with the YWCA project fund we were able to subsidize two chartered Trailways busses of 70 students to the National YM-YW United Nations Seminar over Thanksgiving weekend. Project funds financed approximately half of the travel costs, with the students taking care of the remainder and of their own room and board costs in New York. The response to this project was highly gratifying, with a number of students turned away. It is hoped that the interracial experience of traveling and living together in a northern urban climate was a constructive and helpful one.

2. Project resources were used to help revive the Virginia State YMCA college conference, which was held this fall at Virginia State College. Approximately 40 students from six campuses were on hand with human relations as one of the major themes. We cooperated in the planning of this conference, provided leadership through the Project Director and the regular services of the Campus Work office. We also helped subsidize the cost of the featured speaker.

3. Project resources were used to make possible the convening of an interracial, ecumenical planning meeting in Florida. The meeting was held on the campus of the University of Florida, with approximately 25 students from five campuses on hand. The group attended church services together at the Methodist campus Church and included

the first Negroes to attend services there in the memory of local people. There is no continuing interracial conference or meeting in Florida at the present time. It was our hope that by encouraging YMCA participation we could lend assistance and momentum to the establishment of such a continuing conference. The Project Director attended the meeting in a consultative capacity.

4. Project resources were used to sponsor, in cooperation with the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students, a Foreign Students Seminar at the YMCA Camp at Lake Placid, Florida, December 27 through January 1. Attending were approximately 75 students, including some 15 of our American students. The conference was an international, interracial event, focusing on subjects in the field of world affairs and human relations.

B. Activities

1. Southwide Student Conference on Human Relations Tensions
    a. We have been working with the United States National Student Association on advance planning for a consultation which will bring together a number of students from throughout the South to think together about human relations tensions. The plan calls for active cooperation from denominational groups, the Ys, the National Student Association, and Catholic and Jewish student groups. There have been five advance planning sessions held throughout the South, with the Project Director personally involved in planning of meetings at Nashville and Atlanta.
    b. March 7 and 8, the Southwide Planning Committee for the conference will convene here in Atlanta. This planning group will discuss ways that student groups can cooperate throughout the South and on special campuses. They will also examine the entire project of a conference, decide whether such an effort should be attempted this spring or next fall, and work out many of the necessary details.

2. We are helping with the sponsorship of a workshop on human relations in the Norfolk, Virginia, area. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28, and will be supported by college institutions in the Norfolk area and some of the church groups.

3. We are planning with the Foreign Policy Association a college conference focusing on world affairs to be held sometime during the spring. The conference would pool the facilities of the college Y Associations, the International Relations clubs, and the social science departments of collegiate institutions in some four states in the Southeast. The point of the conference is to make use of themes of common concern to bring together college students across racial barriers, particilarly in areas where conferences focusing on human relations would be sensitive and difficult to arrange.

4. We are cooperating with the Georgia Ecumenical Conference held annually at Paine College in Augusta. This is the only continuing non-denominational interracial conference held in the state of Georgia. We are offering modest financial resources and urging YMCA Association participation.

5. In a similar fashion we are attempting to assist and strengthen the Alabama ecumenical meeting. Again, this is the only interracial college meeting held in the state of Alabama on a regular basis.

6. We plan this year as last year to cooperate with the human relations workshop sponsored by the Department of Religion at the University of Florida in cooperation with the Council on Human Relations of Gainesville, Florida. This is a town and gown institute and was most successful last spring.

7. We are planning a conference of YMCA college staff and advisers from the deep South states. The purpose of this conference would be to enable these persons to consult together about what can be done in the human relations area on these college campuses, to enable them to learn from each other, and to provide several consultants to work with this group.

IV. Scholarships

A. Twenty students from throughout the Southern area were assisted in participating in the recent February meeting of the Southern Area Student Council of the YMCA.

B. It is hoped that additional scholarship funds can be used this summer to permit a number of students from the deep South to enjoy natural experiences of an interracial nature.

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NAME OR SUBJECT:

Fred Routh - SRC Staff Memo (Confidential)

REGARDING

College Conf. Planning Session - sponsored by YMCA (Paul Rilling) and U.S. Nat'l. Student Assn.

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March 11, 1958

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March 13, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Thank you for sending Miss Harris the minutes of the Interagency Conference which was held February 25-26, 1958, as well as the 1957 Annual Report of your program activities. I am sure she will be interested in having this information upon her return to the office in April.

Sincerely,
Edna Comfort
Edna Comfort, Secretary
to Florence Harris

Miss Lilace Reid Barnes
President
Savilla Millis Simons
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March 31, 1958.

Mr. Frederick Routh,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.,
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Fred:

I have not heard from you, so assume that you have not been in Miami recently. We are making some progress in the group work field in preparing ourselves for the inevitable.

Can you let me know if it would be possible for you to be in Miami on a Tuesday morning, either the 3rd or 4th week in April to talk with the group of professional workers of the agencies of the Welfare Planning Council.

You should know that there is real hesitation for a professional invitation for you to visit Miami, so your reply to me should come in the form of an informal letter saying that you are planning in being here. If the 15th or the 22nd are not possible and you do plan on coming to Miami before the end of May, would you please indicate.

Thanks for your help-and it is time for another "bull session".

Sincerely,

Russ

RUSSELL LINDQUIST

RL/mg

Talked to your mother - understand you'll be here for Easter, I can talk with you then.

We may be able to line up a meeting with rep's of the various Boards - who also need to understand & prepare for the problems of integration

MEMBER AGENCY UNITED FUND OF DADE COUNTY

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

NAME OR SUBJECT:

Paul M. Rilling

REGARDIN G:

Position of Director of Georgia Council

DATE
April 1, 1958

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April 1, 1958

P. R.

Dr. E. C. Peters, President
Georgia Council on Human Relations
2901 Rockingham Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Peters:

I appreciate your recent note concerning the position of Director of the Georgia Council. The job certainly is a vitally important one in these trying times, and I am naturally pleased that it was thought that I might be able to fulfill it adequately.

After serious thought and consideration, I have decided that I cannot accept the position of Director of the Georgia Council at this time. My plans for next year are not yet completely set, but they seem sufficiently definite that I must ask you to withdraw my name from further consideration. I regret that I have delayed the Council in the important work of screening other candidates for the position.

I have very much enjoyed my work with the Greater Atlanta Council, and I hope you will understand that my decision is not due to any lack of interest in the Council or lack of realization of the importance of its role. I decline the position reluctantly, and in response to the challenge of another exciting opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

PMR:mr

Paul M. Rilling

Copies to Dr. Guy Wells
Mr. Fred Routh

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April 9, 1958

Mr. F. B. Routh
Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Routh:

Recently we mailed you a list of conference sites in the Southern Region that have been used by interracial groups. Since the following camps have not been used recently, and we do not have current information regarding them, we would suggest that they be removed from the list:

Camp Illahee, Brevard, North Carolina
Camp Merriwood, Sapphire, North Carolina
Camp Highland Lake, Hendersonville, North Carolina

Also, Black Mountain College is no longer in existence and should be removed from the list.

Sincerely yours,

Grace La Forrest

Grace LaForrest
Office Supervisor

April 10, 1958

Miss Elizabeth Heim
Y.W.C.A.
Wesleyan College
Macon, Georgia

Dear Miss Heim:

Mr. Routh of our office asked me to send you some material for your Christian Emphasis Week.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, fifty copies of several publications we have available. I hope these will be of some use to you.

With best wishes for your program.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Tuesday, April 8

Dear Mr. Reuth,

We would appreciate any phamplets, etc. that you could send to us to use during Christian Emphasis Week at Wesleyan College.

Our theme is "How Can I Make My Life Worth while" — and any materials related to this topic will be very helpful to us.

Thanking you for your services,

Sincerely,

Liz Heim

April 16, 1958

Miss Frances Moser
National Student Secretary
Southern Region - YWCA ✓
Suite 301, 41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Moser:

Nothing would please me more than to take part in the Student YMCA-YWCA Regional Conference to be held in June. It is a matter of regret, therefore, that I find that I will be away on these dates.

If you feel it would be satisfactory, we should be glad to have the Southern Regional Council represented by another member of the staff who will be free the week of June 6-12. He is Paul Anthony, who bears the title of Administrative Assistant, but who is thoroughly informed about the program of the Council and developments in Southern race relations generally. Paul is an excellent speaker and workshop leader and, I am sure, would serve your purposes well in every respect. Please let us know if you would like Paul Anthony to reserve those dates.

Again, my regrets that I am unable to accept so welcome an invitation and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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April 3, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I am writing on behalf of the Planning Committee of the Student YMCA-YWCA Regional Conference to be held at Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds, Black Mountain, North Carolina, June 6-12. The focus of the conference is: Where I Am - as a person living in the midst of contradictions in America's cultural setting and What is my Response - as a person, a responsible citizen and a concerned Christian?

Dr. Theodore Gill, Managing Editor of The Christian Century, is to be our platform speaker.

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In order to schedule three sessions of the seminars, it will be necessary for the leaders to arrive on Sunday, June 9. The conference closes at noon on June 12. It is possible that you could leave on Wednesday if your schedule demanded. I am enclosing a copy of the conference folder.

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer an honorarium, but will want to talk with you about your travel expenses. I plan to return to Atlanta around April 10th and will call you about this invitation. Both the Student YMCA and YWCA Regional Staff members are especially eager to have you with us. We know your coming would mean a great deal to campuses in the southern states.

We shall look forward expectantly to your response.

Cordially,

Frances Moser

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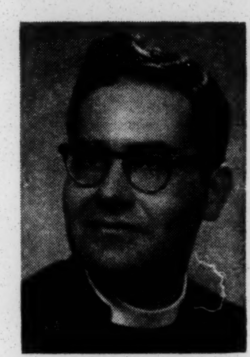

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or

SOUTHERN AREA ST. COUNCIL YMCA
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

April 16, 1958

Mr. Ben Segal
1020 Jefferson Place,N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ben Segal:

I am writing you on behalf of the Planning Committee of the Southern Regional Student YMCA and YWCA Conference, to invite you to lead a seminar on the Role of Labor in Modern Society as part of our conference program at Blue Ridge this June. Enclosed you will find our conference brochure which gives details of this year's focus.

Although I am a relative newcomer to the southern office I know you have frequently shared in our conferences, enriching them with your knowledge and wide experience. You are well acquainted with the nature of this conference, and the unusual opportunity it presents. You know, too, what importance it assumes in these days of greater barriers to communication. We are hopeful that the kind of conference program planned and the appealing Blue Ridge Conference grounds will bring a large number of students and non-students, approximately 200.

We are offering as a new feature six seminars dealing with crucial issues in contemporary life. Each student will be asked to pursue one area for three 1½ hour sessions. The seminar leader will present a paper in the opening session that will provide the framework for the discussion. The other seminars are: Communication through the Arts; Desegregation and Integration; Science and the New Age; Men-Women Relationships, and U.S. Foreign Policy and Crucial Areas.

Would it be possible for you to arrive Sunday, June 8, at Blue Ridge? The seminars are to be given during the second half of the conference. I think it would be possible for you to leave by Wednesday noon, June 11, if necessary.

As usual we are operating on a minimum budget. What would your travel expenses be?

We certainly do hope that you can slip away from other responsibilities for these few days and share with us in what promises to be a

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fruitful experience. By the way, I should add that we will probably want to rename the seminar and define the area to be covered. We will welcome your suggestions and will anticipate hearing from you at an early date.

Cordially,

Frances Moser
National Student Secretary
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Y.W.C.A.

April 19, 1958

Dear Mr. Routh,

I speak for the Y.W.C.A. and the entire student body at Wesleyan as I write this note of appreciation. Your message meant a great deal to each girl on campus who had the privilege of hearing you.

We were so glad to have you here at Wesleyan even though

it was only a brief visit, and
we do hope that you will
come back to see us soon.
Thank you again for guiding
our thoughts and actions
during this important week
in our campus life.

Yours truly,

Evelyn Davidson
Secretary

May 15, 1958

Miss Florence C. Harris, Correlator
Southern Regional Office, National Board Y.W.C.A.
41 Exchange Place, S.E., Suite 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Florence:

Harold has asked me to give you the names of some people who have been active with us in Jacksonville, Florida. Those listed below are all, as George Mitchell would say, "good eggs" and knowledgeable in matters interracial.

Crawford Solomon
Convention Press
218 West Church St.

Davisson Dunlap (attorney)
1312 Barnett Bank Building

Dr. R. M. Dreger
Child Guidance Clinic
635 Ocean St.

M. V. Johnson
RFD 1, Box 9
Dinsmore, Florida

Canon Robert McClosky
406 Shields Place

Mrs. Edwin C. White
2344 Gilmore St.

Hope this helps. All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Atlanta 3, Georgia
Telephone: Alpine 2381

May 19, 1958

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Routh:

Thank you for sending the names of the people from Florida. Miss Harris is out of town at this time but I am sure she will be glad to have the information when she returns to the office Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Edna Comfort

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Secretary

Miss Lilace Reid Barnes
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June 3, 1958

Mr. Emory Via
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Emory Via:

You are indeed kind to alter your professional and personal schedule to be with us at the Regional Conference of the Student YMCA and YWCA at Blue Ridge next Tuesday and Wednesday, June 10 and 11. The enclosed brochure will give an overall view of the conference which the Planning Committee said should deal with Man's Response to the Culture and Against It. I think we have a very good faculty who will approach contemporary issues from many points of view. The total attendance should run between 175 and 200.

The seminars are planned for the second half of the conference. Perhaps you will find it convenient to come in Monday evening to get a feel of the conference before the first seminar on Tuesday morning at 10:30 A.M. The second session is scheduled for Tuesday evening, and the third for Wednesday morning. You would be free by Wednesday noon.

I did not ask you the other day if you could travel at the Council's expense. Both our organizations operate "on a shoestring", and as usual we have a very limited budget. However, we do want you and will cover your expenses.

Cordially,

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SCHEDULE - Regional Conference 1958

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WORKSHOP LEADERS

Association Leadership
Hollis Hayward, General Secretary YMCA, L.S.U.
Frances Moser, YWCA Regional Staff

Program Workshops
Staffed Associations - William Long, Associate Secretary YMCA, N. C. State College
Unstaffed Associations - Jean Whittet, Program Associate, National Student YWCA, New York

Worship Workshop
Gene Etheridge, Associate Secretary, YMCA, Mississippi State College

Finance and Publicity
Ted Ledeen, General Secretary YMCA, Univ. of S.C.

World University Service
Leon Marion, WUS Regional Staff

SEMINAR LEADERS

Man's Situation through the Arts
Jim Carse, YMCA Associate, University of North Carolina

The Meaning of Love
Sam Magill, Assoc. Dean of Students, Univ. of N. C.

U.S. Foreign Policy in a World in Transition
Paul Rilling, YMCA Area Staff

// Human Relations in the South - 1958
James McBride Dabbs, Writer and Lecturer

Are Labor Unions Necessary?
Emory Via, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta

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Dr. McLeod Bryan, Dept. of Religion, Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N.C.

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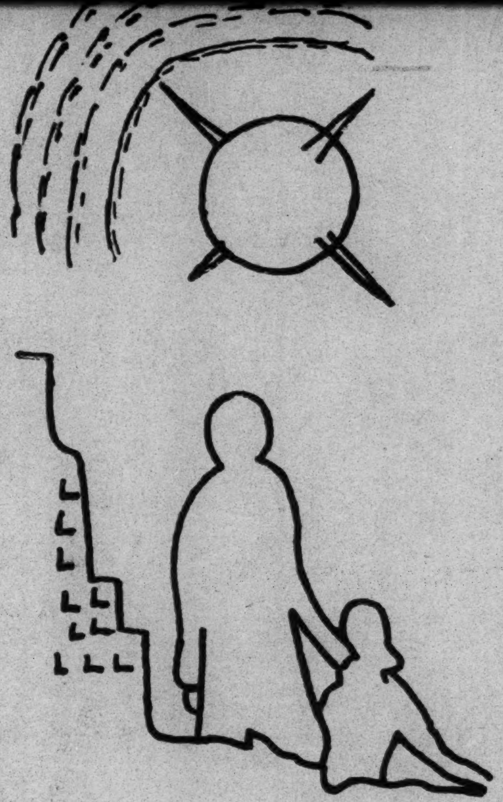

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Miss Frances Moser
National Student Secretary
Southern Region, YWCA
Suite 301
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
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Dear Frances Moser:

Thanks for your letter of April 16 inviting me to be a seminar leader at the Conference. I really would like to do this, but my schedule prohibits it.

May I suggest that Emory Via is the best possible person for the job you need done. He is labor consultant for the Southern Regional Council at 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, so you're near neighbors. I hope you'll get in touch with each other; I'm sure arrangements can be worked out. I'll send along a copy of my letter to Emory, so he'll know what it is all about.

Best wishes for another excellent conference. Sorry I can't make it.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Segal
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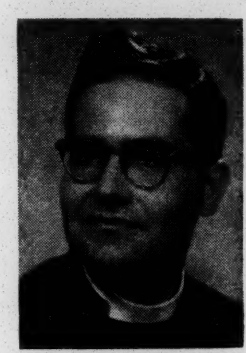

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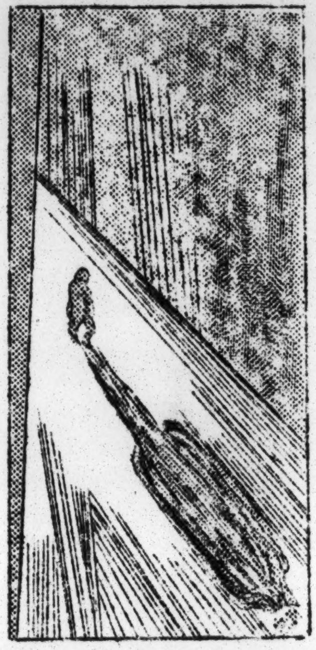

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August, 1958

Dear 1958 Conference Delegate:

As co-chairmen of the 1958 Student YMCA and YWCA Regional Conference, we hope that your experience at Blue Ridge has served as an incentive to continue the search for real truth and meaning in our lives. As you will recall, we focused on our cultural setting and our response as Christians. This was explored through platform addresses, discussions, firesides, seminars and the two excellent films, EAST OF EDEN and THE LADY FROM PHILADELPHIA.

There were many highlights . . . the beautiful setting, the outstanding leadership of Ted Gill as platform speaker and Wilson Welch as our worship leader....the films, the newscast and wonderful singing. However, the main highlight to us was the fellowship. In a real sense, we had an experience in what it means to belong to the fellowship of the Student YMCA and YWCA.

We hope that each of you found some clues to ways of strengthening your association and will take to your members some new understandings of the purpose and function of the Student YMCA and YWCA.

All of us will have an opportunity to share more deeply the discussion begun at our conference when we meet together with others from across the country at the National Student Assembly at the University of Illinois.

We hope this report will help you in sharing the conference with your association.

Sincerely,

Fannie Doug

Fannie Caruthers Douglas McLean
1958 Regional Conference
Co-chairmen

NOTES FROM PLATFORM ADDRESSES BY DR. THEODORE GILL

Managing Editor, CHRISTIAN CENTURY

The Cultural Situation Today

This is the time of homogeneity of man and domestication of the Church. There has been a flattening out of the Church. There is blandness about the culture...a hiding in the herd. Students seem fixed on themselves. What ails the students ails everyone in the culture. Who is interested in ideas, books, politics? Where is the intellectual curiosity in the midst of the surge toward mass education? We are children of a conforming society, learning from each other how to get along. We are homogenized men. Conforming Christians make a conforming Church. The Church's indignation is largely gone. The rescue station has become a comfort station. The Church needs to call us to be the unique person, to be ourselves, to venture beyond the stereotype.

Some of the causes of the general insecurity of people today are reign of terror (wars, revolutions, etc.) organized culture, rebellion against the past, disenchantment with secular gods. Community is of our essence. We are not really ourselves until we are related. Christian community is not a union of undistinguishables. "The World has come of age"...Bonhoeffer. The Church was unchallenged until the 13th century. Those who got out of hand were punished. This was true also in the sciences and the arts. During the 13th and 14th centuries, the world began to grow up. In the period of enlightenment, the 17th and 18th centuries, something new was established in relation to the Church. Now the apron strings have been cut. We do not know our Christian resources, we do not see the relation of faith to a world come of age. There has developed a theology of content with the answers.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

People who take ultimate questions seriously may react in several ways. For some it is their religious duty to press history back to the familiar roles...to regain the Christian answers. For others the Church should recognize the situation and move ahead with the world. Content then becomes context. We recognize who is back of everything...the ground of all being, the one thing we know as Christians and what we base our claims on. Christian revelation means God getting Himself across to us, the ultimate reality who knows us and loves us. We have only one conformity...to do the will of God. God is critical of every other kind of conformity.

Ethics refer to the highest good. God loves man already, unlovable though he is. We offer ourselves in gratitude for this love. It is not slavish obedience. We must work out ethical content in the world. The loving solution is the redemptive one...there is nothing magic in it. From the Church, from other Christians, from the Bible, from counselors come the leads for the content. It is our responsibility to make the existential decision based on our existence.There is no one pattern of righteousness. The Holy Spirit is not a homogenizing agent. The new man is altered, he is custom built and each is different. Christian life is the direction toward ultimate reality, not how far one goes. For some it is like a 100 yard dash, for others it is a cross country run with woods and hills to pass along. It may even be an obstacle course with hurdles to be mounted. The pace is different but the end is the same.

SUMMARY

of

WORKSHOPS

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

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I. RELATIONSHIPS, STRUCTURE, RESOURCES AND CHARACTERISTICS of the Student YMCA and YWCA

As presidents and other executive officers of their Associations, members of the group were made familiar with:

Relationships:	to Regional and National Student Councils, NSAY, WUS, WSCF, USCC; local campus church groups, Advisory Boards.
Structure:	the local autonomy of Associations; relative positions of Regional and National Student Councils.
Resources:	Local files, study materials, books, etc., in possession of the Association; help from faculty and clergy; services and personal assistance of the Regional offices and staff members; resources for program from national offices, and national staff members; "Intercollegian"; NSAY.
Characteristics:	the group studied the "Essential Characteristics" statement stressing the open nature of the Association, its participation in the historic Christian movement, yet not structurally involved in any church body; its concern for persons, for campus life, for education, for Christian growth, for social and international causes, and the dedication of the Association to student initiative and freedom, within a democratically-evolved purposeful framework.

II. WHAT IS EFFECTIVE WORK WITH GROUPS?

In one workshop a problem census was taken to determine the most vital questions the workshop members had in common: how can associations reach the total campus? How can we involve a larger number of members, including overseas students? What kind of leadership do we want? What is the role of the cabinet? What is the task of the Student YWCA and YMCA? Through a discussion of what the words, "good leader" suggested to each, the member-leader concept, the involvement of members, group climate, committee work, decision-making, expressed interests and unexpressed needs. Through a modified role play the group attempted to recall what it felt like to be a freshman in the college community in order to be able as leaders to relate to this large segment of every campus. Images of the Student YMCA and YWCA held by some may tend to limit the breadth of program needed and to circumscribe the recruiting of members.

In the other workshop, an experiment in role playing was used demonstrating a committee in action with six members of the group designated to plan a program. The assignment was to plan a weekend conference on "The Christian Faith and a World of Conflict". The chairman was Wheeling Bigg III, and other members were Buck Dough (treasurer, Faith Trueheart (worship chairman) Ima Egghead (the intellectual), Go-Go LaMore (activist), and Ben Livingood, (the socialite). Out of the confusion, cross-purposes, jealousies and

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hostilities, anarchism and ambitions of this "mixed up" committee, a full hour's discussion developed concerning the ways groups work.

The following questions evolved from this group role-playing:

What is group thought, group decision-making, group action?
How do growth and maturity take place in group activity?
What makes groups live or die?
Are politics inevitable?
What constitutes an effective chairman? Does he lead -- or follow?
What is the use of hidden agenda?
Must each person have an individual responsibility?
Why does one over-participate and another under-participate?
How does the leader moderate hostilities?
Is unanimity necessary for effective decisions?
How do you prepare for a committee meeting?
Does the chairman have the final results ready-made in advance?

III. QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

Categories frequently mentioned included:

1. The motives of a leader: sincere and unselfish, interested in persons as well as the program, striving to draw out the best in others, etc.

2. Adequate time and energy to devote himself to the task.

3. Personal commitment, including study, preparation, cultivation of persons, etc.

4. The gift of involving all members of the group in responsibilities, rather than seeking their endoresement of his decisions.

5. Group unity is a goal reached not by forcing all individualism into a single mold but by receiving the diverse contributions of all persons gladly, so that the results are greater than what anyone could do alone.

IV. RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

PROGRAM PLANNING FOR STUDENT YMCAs and YWCAs . . . . Jean Whittet

HOW TO WORK WITH GROUPS . . . . Harleigh and Audrey Trecker

THE NEW FRONTIER . . . . Al Kershaw

THE INTERCOLLEGIAN, especially March 1957 issue on Leadership

1958 National Student YMCA and YWCA Assembly Study materials
Assembly Paper No. II
CONSCIENCE ON CAMPUS, Waldo Beach

MEMBERSHIP STUDY materials

WORSHIP WORKSHOP

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I. A. What is Worship --

1. Christian worship
    a. Paying attention to God - "The celebration of the divine depth of life".
    b. Subject object relationship - Underhill, "The response of the creature to the Eternal (I-Thou)."
        1. I respond to something
        2. Someone is there
        3. In worship we respond to someone rather than "it".
    c. Is the habitual, purposeful, and corporate referring of life to God - it is an action.
    d. Is man's relation to eternity - finite/infinite.

2. Secular Worship

Man must worship and, if he does not participate in Christian worship, the vacuum is filled by secular worship. Forms of secular worship are: nationalism, communism, racism, etc.

B. Why we worship

Worship is an expression of "essential man". It is not extra-curricular. Man worships in response to the revelation of God. We discussed man's physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual elements. We worship because "our souls are restless until they rest in Thee," to find ourselves, to experience God, and to seek reality.

C. Whom we worship

1. Man
2. God (Father-Son-Holy Spirit)
3. Whom implies a person
4. Church, Bible, Good Life, etc., Success, Comfort, Peace of Mind. All these are not persons

II. A. How we worship

1. Individually
2. Corporately

> Prayer, singing, thinking, study

B. The elements of worship

1. Awe
2. Humiliation (sin)
3. Confession
4. Absolution - forgiveness
5. Praise - adoration
6. Commitment

C. Aids to worship

1. Proper atmosphere - environment (physical & spiritual)
2. Good preparation
3. Expectation - presence of Holy Spirit
   creative attitude
4. Symbolism
5. Fellowship (communion)
6. Music
7. Good leader
8. Relaxation
9. Scripture - other literature
10. Relevancy

D. Obstacles to worship

1. Service irrelevant to needs of worshippers
2. Lack of expectation
3. Personal conflicts (preoccupation)
4. Theological objections - lack of understanding of theology
5. Childhood conceptions of God
6. Guilt
7. Informality (not planned)
8. Poor facilities

III. A. Resources for Planning Worship Services

1. Committee
2. Library . . . .
   - Student Prayer Book
   - Churches Book of Common Worship
   - Bible - (several translations)
   - College Magazines - INTERCOLLEGIAN
   - John Baille - A Diary of Private Prayer
   - Hedley - Christian Worship
   - Underhill - Worship
   - Hazleton - The God We Worship
   - Phillips - Your God is Too Small
   - Miller - The Christian Year
   - Novels
   - Plays
3. Music Library - Chancel
4. Room
5. File on Worship
6. Faculty or student worker
7. Calendar of Christian Year
8. Audio-visual equipment

B. Planning a Worship Service

1. Questions to answer:
   a) For whom is the service planned?
   b) What kinds of experiences and problems will the congregation bring to the service (sorrow, pride, guilt, hostility, joy, etc.)?
   c) What religious backgrounds are represented in the group?
   d) What is to be the central idea in the service?
   e) What form shall the service take?

2. When the service is completed, does it contain these elements?

   a) God, Creator and Sustainer, the object of our worship.
   b) Man and his condition of need.
   c) Man's response to God - man's relationship to God - Dedication to a new way of life, both individual and social

3. Typical services to plan -

   a) Cabinet meetings
   b) Retreats
   c) Entire student body (Christmas, Easter)
   d) Chapel

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WORKSHOP ON FINANCE AND PUBLICITY

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The purposes of the workshop were to interpret the significance of good financial planning in the local association, interpretation of the Fair Share Plan, how to budget and secure funds, and the value of good publicity and how to do it.

The idea behind the workshop was to put finance and publicity in the perspective of program, stressing that good financing and program should go hand in hand. The group discussed what we the Student YMCA and YWCA need money for and how money and program work together.

Money never comes easily and in some cases may come too easily if the program is of a reactionary nature. In realistic financial planning it is necessary to know the power structure on the campus and who wields the real power.

A huge supply of sample publicity was made available. The group discussed the principles of good publicity and public relations.

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PROGRAM WORKSHOPS

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I. Why We Have a Program

Every Association has a purpose of some kind. Each has a formal statement of purpose and every Association has a more broadly defined purpose. Good statements of these broader purposes may be found in the November, 1957, INTERCOLLEGIAN. Since we have a job to do we must have a program. This is the tool we employ. And it is wise to remember that it is a means and not an end.

There are certain characteristics of the way the movement works. It has an inclusive membership; all who wish to participate may do so. It has a core leadership of concerned Christians operating at the center of the program. It is operated under the democratic system permitting real student decision-making. It seeks to meet students where they are, speaking the language with which they are familiar and helping them to grow. As the program develops three elements are utilized - worship, study and action.

As we become a community through our worship together, we are forced to study, and this drives us to action.

II. What Do We Mean By Program

Program is the total life of the Association. Everything that happens to persons as they work, play, study and plan together. Program has to do with - persons - purpose - experiences - decision-making. Program begins where people are and leads them on to new insights and more creative relationships. Some characteristics of good program are: It involves all the members in terms of their own interest and capacities in some way. It tries to relate the Christian faith to every aspect of personal and social concern. Religion, politics, race relations, foreign affairs, social services, dating problems, etc., are not different pieces of a pie. Rather, they are interrelated aspects of a person's experience as he grows toward maturity in the Christian faith. A good Association program will try to expose its members to as many of these aspects of life as possible.

III. What Are the Needs We Seek to Meet?

The Association looks at its own particular campus and seeks to respond to the needs it finds there. The Jacob study, Changing Values in College, and the Waldo Beach book, Conscience on Campus, are excellent resource materials as the individual Association seeks to understand its own campus.

The following are the needs of most campuses:

First, a need to help develop individuality. In our mass culture there is a tremendous pressure to conform. The individual can become lost in the crowd at the university - he needs to know his own dignity. There is a need for real community, acceptance, understanding, and forgiveness. In such an atmosphere individuality may develop in a healthy manner.

Second, a need to deal with certain campus ethical "trouble spots". These are listed by Beach as: (1) excessive drinking, (2) sexual ethics, (3) fraternities and sororities, and (4) cribbing.

Third, a need to develop religiously. Just as we are becoming specialists in a particular field, so we need to grow religiously. A growth in religious understanding will help us to have a reason for being - something that gives life meaning and wholeness.

Fourth, a need to encourage the education of the whole man. There is a difference between training and education. Through the former we become expert button pushers. Through the latter, we learn how to relate all the buttons to each other and to understand the reason for punching or not punching them. God is the author of all truth. Therefore, as we seek to become educated we are seeking to know more of God's revelation. We need to think as well as to know facts.

Fifth, a need to develop a true understanding of the meaning of Christian vocation. We need to encourage students to see their life in the university as a full time actual living - not just a preparation to live.

Sixth, a need to encourage the development of a really responsible person - to encourage the development of Christian citizenship in the political, economic, and social areas.

Seventh, there is a general need to shock. Most of us need to be shocked - scared - out of self-centeredness, contentment, and complacency. America is fat and lazy; perhaps it needs to suffer!

The report of Work Group V of the National Student Committee, dated February 14-15, 1958, lists certain needs in a rather unique fashion. It says that Associations need to "pry open clam shells" - interest the uninterested. They need to "harness human horsepower" - provide opportunities for the actual application of religious faith in terms of specific activity. They need to "talk turkey to a turkey" - to begin with the students where he is. They need to provide a "birdseye view" - present something that unifies experience. They need to "be a Bull" - certain programs on specifically male or female interest should be provided. They need to "help the tom cat off the fence" - that is, they need to aid people in decision making. They need to give hope "to all the animals that they can possibly reach the dock before Noah's Ark sails" - to fight the futility impulse, to provide hope.

As the Association seeks to understand the needs of the campus and react to them, it needs to be humble. When we talk about the needs of the campus we should not say "their needs", we should say "our needs", for we are part of the campus that is in need.

IV. How Do We Meet the Needs of the Campus? There are a number of factors which determine the type of program a particular Association will have. Whether the school is large or small, liberal arts or technological, public or private - these factors play a part. Where the school is located will have something to do with the situation. Is it north or south? Is it in a large town or small town?

The attitude of the administration and faculty toward the Association is significant. Is that attitude friendly or unfriendly? Tolerant or intolerant?

The composition of the student body is important. Is it coed or not? How many married students are there? What is the relationship of the fraternities to the campus? How many veterans are there?

The degree of student organization or activity is important. Is there a college union? Is there an active and strong student government? What are the denominations doing in student religious activities? Sometimes the C.A. is the only student religious group in the area.

The nature of the Association is important. What are its physical facilities? Are its financial resources adequate? Does it have a professional staff?

The needs of the campus and its atmosphere must be played against the Association's capacities.

Certain elements are needed in any Association's program. First, there must be a sensitivity to the campus, mentioned in the preceding paragraphs.

The Association must have a structure that is geared to its purpose. There should be some sort of document which gives the organizational structure. The Association will need officers, a cabinet, a board of advisors or directors. The Association should be in firm and definite relationship to the area or regional or national offices. The structure should be flexible to adjust to changing times and needs. Each Association should have a constitution which is augmented by by-laws.

Another element which is necessary to the Association is a physical location. Like it or not, we need a specific home or stamping ground.

Any Association will require a core membership of committed Christians. The theory under which the Association should operate is that of a strong area of concern at the center of the program which seeks to involve students and faculty in an increasing intensity farther and farther out from the heart of the organization.

In order to be effective the Association should have some sort of leadership training plan. Actual leadership training sessions are invaluable.

Membership in the Association should be meaningful. It is unwise to have membership dependent upon financial fee-paying or contributions. That membership should be inclusive; there should be an opportunity for any student or faculty person, regardless of race or religion, to take an active part in the program.

Autonomy is an important element in every Association. Each Association should understand that it is directly responsible for its own program; yet it should be cooperative in its relationship with the regional and national staffs and with the local staff and administration.

Every Association should have a sound financial basis.

In all that it does the Association should be realistic. It is far better to do a few things well than to attempt the impossible. The Association should also make sure that when it is requesting student time its projects are valuable and worth that student time. This means that there should be careful planning.

In all that it does at all times the best Association will have a pioneering spirit. This has been the hallmark of a student YMCA and YWCA in the past. The Association should be willing to take calculated risks if the goals are worthwhile.

V. Clues for Program Ideas

You ask yourself such questions as: Who are the students coming to our campus (greeks, independents, town students, residence students, foreign students, married, single, ethnic backgrounds)? What are their special needs? What has been happening on our campus lately which gives us some clues to student problems? What are the questions students are asking about themselves and their future, either consciously or unconsciously?

We find out answers to some of these questions through: questionnaires, interest finders, interviews with students and faculty, dormitory bull sessions, carefully planned membership retreats,etc.

The role of the Cabinet is of central importance in developing program. It is their task to be listening, to be evaluating, to be thinking ahead.

VI. Hints for Program Planning

1. A Cabinet Retreat in the spring and/or fall to evaluate the best of last year's program to study the needs of our campus and to decide on program priorities for the coming year. Invite key students from the membership and faculty resource people, as well as Cabinet Officers.

2. Plan ahead -- but not so rigidly you can't take advantage of unexpected interests, situations or personalities which would enrich the program.

3. Plan carefully so that the meetings are balanced by the listening and participating. (Always a speaker is a lazy method).

   Some tested methods of programming include:

   Panels
   Breaking into small discussion groups
   Role-Playing
   Films
   Checking a mimeographed list of discussions as a discussion primer
   Field trips
   A dialogue between two speakers, etc.

4. Most program themes need to be developed in a series of from two to four meetings.

5. Use resources - personnel file of speakers and resource leaders, program files and a library of materials from national and regional resources, file of other organizations helpful in program.

6. Study and use the new handbook "Program Planning for Student YMCAs and YWCAs", available from your regional office or from the National Student YMCA and YWCA.

7. Program is a means to an end and not an end in itself. Our aim should be to involve the members both in program planning and in execution. The Cabinet members will think of themselves enablers who are continually thinking about the quality of the experience that their committee members are having. The Cabinet should be careful not to usurp all the fun of planning and deciding, but should share it with the members.

8. Many Associations have found it helpful to develop a special program or a separate program for freshman members under the guidance of carefully chosen leaders, so that freshmen might have a program suited to their special needs, and an opportunity to test their own leadership capacity.

   It is equally important to meet the special program needs of upper-class students, often quite different from that of freshman needs, and to see that the program challenges their growing interest -- marriage and family life, vacations, world affairs, etc.

   Program for the year 1958-59 can be greatly enriched by use of the Assembly preparatory materials (see Assembly Paper #2 for many program suggestions for both freshmen and upper-class students.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE WORKSHOP REPORT

The workshop on World University Service centered around three aspects:

A. Purpose
B. Significance
C. YMCA-YWCA-SCA Program Implementation

Purpose

World University Service is an international organization dedicated to mutual assistance in meeting the most crucial needs of the university community throughout the world. It offers American students and professors an opportunity for giving assistance to students abroad who are in need and for increasing international understanding both at home and abroad. The WUS effort is rooted in the firm belief that education is the key to many of the world's problems in the immediate and distant future. In the university students of today we have the leaders of tomorrow. To guarantee their education is to guarantee a sounder future.

The initial program of WUS, launched after the first World War, provided relief for universities in central and southern Europe. Since that time the organization has grown into a world-wide operation of students and professors battling against ignorance and need on an international scale.

Significance

The significance of World University Service will never be able to be described in a few words, nor does any one person know the impact this program of international understanding has had toward greater mutual trust and cooperation in a world wrought with mistrust and non-cooperation. One reason WUS is significant is due to the fact that it serves as the international endeavor of the student world to help those less fortunate than themselves.

In all, some forty-one nations are involved in its program. Here in the United States WUS is sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, National Newman Club Federation, National Student Association, and the United Student Christian Council of which the Student YMCA, YWCA and SCA's are an integral part. In essence the local association becomes one of the sponsors of WUS and has a responsible part to play in promoting the objectives of the program. Also of significance is the fact that the following organizations are included in the list of sponsors and cooperating organizations: the Association of International Relations Clubs, the Federation of Jewish Student Organizations of New York, the Institute of International Education (IIE), the Interseminary Movement, and the Student Volunteer Movement. WUS has consultative status with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization; the United Nations Korean Rehabilitation Administration; the Advisory Committee for Voluntary Foreign Aid; the International Cooperative Administration; the Committee of American Remittances Everywhere (CARE); the Young Adult Council of the National Social Welfare Assembly; the American Council of Education; the Association of American Colleges; the National Association of Junior Colleges; and other organizations in the academic field have adopted resolutions of support and commendation for the work of WUS.

A major part of the significance of WUS lies in its accomplishments in the field of material and physical relief to students. A few of the highlighted years of service are as follows:

- 1920 - Post war student relief in Europe and Asia Minor
- 1924 - Beginning of the "self-help" idea in relief projects
- 1929 - First concentration of self-help projects for India
- 1939 - Relief to Finnish, Polish, and Spanish exiled students
- 1942 - Scholarship and cash grants to Nisei in United States relocation camps.
- 1945 - Post war European relief starts: International TB centers built in France and Switzerland; rest centers established in Austria, England, Greece and Italy; aid begins to Burma, India and Indonesia
- 1948 - Aid sent to student refugees in India, Pakistan and Japan; student health centers opened in India and Indonesia
- 1954 - Health centers opened in France and India; dormitories built in Korea and Greece
- 1955 - Health centers built in India and Indonesia; student housing opened in Egypt and Israel; TB sanatorium established in Japan
- 1956 - Aid to Hungarian refugees; second TB sanatorium opened in Japan; student TB center opened in Indonesia

Program Implementation

The outstanding reason for the existence of World University Service is to serve academic communities and especially its students. Therefore, WUS serves the local Association by helping to implement programs of international understanding through World Relatedness Committees, International Affairs Commissions, WUS Committees, etc.

The services of the WUS Regional and National Offices are available at no charge to each YMCA, YWCA and SCA. Free materials and program helps can be ordered by writing to the WUS regional office, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta 3, Georgia. World University Service can be of help in programming for your Association, as in turn your Association can be of great help to the program of World University Service.

SUMMARIES
OF
SEMINARS

SEMINAR ON HUMAN RELATIONS IN THE SOUTH - 1958

Leader: James McBride Dabbs, Chairman, Southern
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1. What is the basic area of change in human relations in the South today? (Mode of production)
2. How is desegregation related to this?
3. Why desegregation now? What forces presently demand it?
4. Why is segregation defended so hotly?
5. What is the Christian attitude in race relations?

We next took up the questions in order:

1. What is the basic area of change in human relations in the South today? In productive relations: from agrarianism to industrialism.
   1. Man's way of making a living basic.
   2. The shift from agrarianism to industrialism means certain changes.
   3. As a result of these, relative restlessness, lack of belonging, insecurity.
   4. Reasons why we have erroneously made race relations more basic than productive relations.

II. How is desegregation related to industrialization?

1. Basically, in that changing productive patterns cause changing social patterns.
2. Particularly, in that machines demand skill, training, labor mobility.
3. Labor concentration fosters class as against race relations.
4. A basic problem: How to drop the impersonality which accompanies segregation but also avoid adopting the impersonality of industry.

III. Why desegregation now? What forces presently demand it?

1. Industrialism, as we have seen.
2. World race relations.
3. World Wars for democracy, especially World War II.
4. Court rulings accompanying these social changes.
5. The Christian conscience.

IV. Why is segregation defended so hotly?

1. As focus of general fear of change in a rapidly changing society not built for change.
2. As a conscious fear in place of an indefinable anxiety.
3. As a short-term support for economic privilege.
4. As a support for white status, usually called racial purity.
5. As the one remaining proof of the existence of Old South: piety.

V. What is the Christian attitude in race relations?

1. Are there any Christian race relations? Are races organized to deal with races? Are we not individuals dealing with individuals? Contrast national

relations.

2. Christianity means essentially personal relations.

GENERAL: The students were least interested in industrialization and its effect on race relations, most interested in IV. above, and in what could be done on their campuses to improve race relations.

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IS AMERICAN EDUCATION ADEQUATE?

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C IS AVERAGE

Everyone engaged in the business of American education knows that "C" is average. Below "C" one is skating on the thin-ice of probation and above "C" one is wasting precious time and brains unless one is foolish enough to shoot for graduate school. "C" is the altar upon which American youth lays its offering. Indeed the whole college system is geared to the "C" speed. The "C" pace is set in the early grades of the public elementary school, and is the permanent brand placed upon the herd of students as they are forced from one grade-corral to the next. "Oh, give him a "C", passes through the teacher's mind everyday and haunts the teacher immeasurably at the month's end. "He must get a "C", is the chorus of the parents, as they cajole Junior indirectly and as they threaten Junior's teacher directly. "Oh, I'll settle for a "C" is Junior's patent comment to his colleagues as he passes from one intellectual sideshow to the next. "C" is the magic formula which keeps America from getting an education. To make, accidentally or otherwise, more than a "C" courts disaster in the face of the gang; one might become known as a Brain. To make less than a "C", accidentally or otherwise, means that one is not playing his academic cards right, is perhaps not even sharp enough to stay in the gang. "Anybody can make a C" is the unwritten law of American education.

With that in mind I have selected four "C"-words which seem to me to epitomize the "C"-complex of higher education in America, indicating possible sources of weakness. These "C" words are: Culture; Class; Crips; and Capers.

This quartet of "C" - words is the orthodox creed of American college life, and helps to explain why the "C"-mood prevails in most quarters.

CULTURE

An American university could not be called a "house" of learning, but at best a "campus" of learning: because, one may say, it is a vegetal reality: a park - or a grove that may well have, like Wellesley, 400 acres and a lake. And what campus, especially a girl's campus, could do without its lake, its riding range, its golf course? Unheard of! A nature's paradise: Walnut trees, elms, and maples; stonework with yards, formal gardens, walks; damp earth, soft lawns, thick branches filled with birds; ivy. Nature:....but is that the essence of the university? Is it not rather the opposite; that is to say, not nature, but culture? One would hardly guess this from the emphasis upon the externals of the campus and the enthusiasm of the campus that centers around brawn as it displays itself weekly on the green of the gridiron or the diamond, the greens of which are cared for more tenderly than the library, or the laboratory. In the U.S. the majority of the universities are residential; many of them are located in small cities which are scarcely more than their periphery. Closed, minimal worlds, a field of houses in which to sleep, eat, talk, play, read, study, pray: settings for communal living; because this is the principal function of the American university; living together.

The American college is a pleasant, comfortable, oftentime luxurious dormitory for its teenage citizens. (I remember that I saw my first all marble toilet, not in some millionnaire's home, but in the toilets of Duke University!)

Here one is incarcerated (is bound to a spot on account of a conspiracy between the parents and the college officials) until he soaks up some of the "culture" to which he is exposed. But a weed growing next to a gardenia bush has a hard time producing an equally fragrant and beautiful blossom. But somehow the conspiracy is supposed to work. When one "finishes" such and such a school he (less he than she) is supposed to be marked by the brand of culture of that school, very much as massed-produced automobiles are supposed to bear the marks of distinction that separate the various makes of cars. That form of culture is so highly artificial, that culture of this sort is so relative to time and place, that true culture can only be transmitted in an integrated and live culture-society -- these questions are seldom raised.

There is a pre-formed culture mold that exists in most liberal arts colleges of America and this mold, like a Singer-sewing machine dummy model is supposed to produce form-fitting culture-uniforms to fit the graduates. Their graduates are, according to virtually every college catalogue, supposed to take their place "among the cultured leaders of any community where they may go."

This is more true as we know among female institutions. The women's colleges are "out of this world"; it is a magical world in which, for 4 years at least, girls are creating and forming themselves, gradually forging a feminine variety which is characterized by refinement, complexity, and exquisiteness. The "culture" that most Americans eventually get, issues from these most secluded and artificial of worlds: Because as we all know, it is the college-bred woman who mostly decides the culture of America.

Can higher education be called "higher" if it is provincial? No more than transmitting,, unventilated, local patterns, folkways, and mores?

CLASS

As American society has become more competitive, especially as more and more a person's personality rating depends upon the economic class status (the car he drives, the suburb in which he lives, and the clubs to which he belongs), the college has moved to the forefront of factors establishing this economic class status. There was a time when the college degree belonged to the blue-blooded elite; now it is a labor-union card to the closed shop of class status. We might as well face it: college in America is a social necessity. Not only is college (in general) a social necessity; but the particular college one attends ranks him or her, as the case may be. Is it not common to read in a wedding announcement in the newspaper columns that the groom is a graduate of Harvard, Columbia, Princeton, Yale, and above all that the bride has a B.A., M.A. from Wellesley, Smith, Vassar, Bryn Mawr. Without this a certain luster is lacking.

The hard-driving business man has nothing to do with colleges, until, until that fatal day when his fifteen year old daughter confronts him with her limited choices of colleges at the top of the scale. Then, the old man has to scurry around and dig up a few Ivy-leagued boys that he has shunned carefully until now, and curry their favor for several years, until his daughter, and all her friends are daintily registered in the places that count.

Fraternities are good bec, they provide "connections" which will help the fraternity man to get established in the wild business jungle outside the campus walls. Or at least that's what is said during rushing. The choice of majors and courses is determined with an eye to future security, in a gray flannel suit. Pick the right courses to be acceptable, to be salable to a future employer. This is what Fromm calls "the market orientation". This free market is guided by the invisible hand of the great God security. -- Beach.

CRIPS

There is not a college student in the U.S. who does not know this word, or its equivalent. It is the password to better company in any academic community. Whole universities stay in existence because of it, and every professor to stay in his job must have truck with it, at least selling out one of his courses to it.

In registering students for my department,I have seen them come to the desk and brazenly lay their slips of paper before me, slips of paper with names of professors and courses scribbled upon them, making sure that their "C"-steps are guided safely. They know nothing else of the course or professor. They have it by the grapevine......

And is it not well known how certain state colleges, low in the echelon of the state university system, cater to the fall-outs from the higher colleges? And do we not all know the little colleges, and especially the junior colleges, that gather up like waste paper baskets all the rejects from the colleges above them? Then there are the teacher's colleges that accept the would-be engineers and doctors who flunked out and who now compromise on careers as teachers, or as public school bureaucrats. A professor who had just spent 4 years in two teacher's colleges writes hopelessly: "That experience tells me, incontrovertibly, that there is no hope for the American school because more than half of the new teachers who enter its doors ought not to have graduated from high school and, furthermore, learned practically nothing during four years of college. There is no hope for the American school because the American teacher's college is hopeless." He goes on to despair: "Taught by the demoralized and the incompetent of the academic world, prepared for teaching by a curriculum which shuns knowledge, selected from those who would fail in other professions, the young teacher enters the school systems of the country: How do we expect and get as much as we do?????

Much of the blame for this, as you and I know, is due to the cafeteria-style of course taking which prevails in the American college system. Systematically taking crip courses is the result of an American tradition, and it leads to a serious deficiency: to a lack of systematization of studies. In principle, the credit which is granted to student preference is healthy; but the lacunae in the globus intellectual are frequently excessive. It is possible to know a "C"-amount in the courses one gets by in; he has a passing knowledge. But what happens at the point that it is impossible to know other things and to go on in the pursuit of facts, truth, and wisdom, or what have you,unless one has a thorough knowledge in the foundational and related course? At times the better student may have taken a course on Plato, another on Berkeley and Locke, and another on the Logical Foundations of Mathematics: he has worked well, above a "C", has read several books, and has written three papers. But it turns out that he does not know the history of ideas.

But woe to that student who has taken the "C" path in crip courses. He finds himself up against a world without facts, without relatedness, without the basic tools of research - and lacking above all a disciplined mind that is able to work, work, work - and occasionally create!

You observe that I have not mentioned the present tug of war between the sciences and the humanities. It is a tragic war, born from the cafeteria, crip, "C" era. Now all of a sudden, without any world philosophy or permanent value perspective, we are trying to change horses in mid-stream -- and we still don't know which way the horse is going and whether he is strong enough to bear the load of humanity.

CAMPUS CAPERS

College as the Happiest Time of Your Life is an illusion of a glorious carefree academic picnic in a kind of ivied Disneyland. The pursuit of an academic degree, in cineramic form is a series of encounters between a campus queen in a cashmere sweater and a football hero of surpassing brawn, meeting on the shaded walks of old Crestwood, carrying two books lightly under the arm, but engaged chiefly in the universal boy-meets-girl sequence. If shown at all, classes represent an annoying interruption, and the professors are part of the stage setting, irrelevant to the main issue - the Big Game. --Beach

THE COLLEGE AS BROKEN COMMUNITY: NOT A UNIVERSITY BUT A PLURA-VERSITY

"Instead of single unity, we offer: Algebra, from which nothing follows;
Geometry, " " " "
Science, " " " "
History, " " " "
a couple of languages, never mastered;
and lastly, most drearily of all, Lit, represented by plays of Shakespeare, with philological notes and short analyses of plot and character to be in substance committed to memory." --Whitehead.

The Crucial error is that of holding that nothing is more important than anything else, that there can be no order of goods, and no order in the intellectual realm, that there is nothing central, nothing peripheral, nothing primary, nothing secondary, nothing basic and nothing superficial. The course of study goes to pieces bec there is nothing to hold it together." --Hutchins

College is a broken community, fragmented, splintered, its members alienated from each other. They may read books, but they read different books. They may talk ideas, but they speak a babble of specialized jargon within the fences of their own subjects, they carry on a kind of group soliloquy, in technicalese. The major field of each student comes to constitute for them the whole of the landscape. More than that, one of the subtle ways in which the specialist hides his partiality from himself and from others is by a kind of polite academic imperialism, which is the attempt intellectually to interpret the whole by his part. --Beach

Anarchy of the campus simply reflects the anarchy of Western civilization; But we are not so much without gods, as having established a garden of gods, with the shrines centering in the big university departments. The professor-priests move from one university god-garden to another, doing their oblations in secret code to select initiates.

Huston Smith in Purposes of Higher Education epitomizes the War of the gods in his summary of the faculty discussions of Washington University:

Absoluteness vs. relativity
Commitment vs. objectivity
Freedom vs. statism
Sacred vs. secular

Seminar on - IS AMERICAN EDUCATION ADEQUATE?

Leader: Dr. G. McLeod Bryan,
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Preliminaries: After reading brief paper caricaturing the current process of higher education in the United States, entitled "C Is Average", the resource person raised the following problems:

(1) What are the mechanics and motivations that maintain the "C is average"?
(2) Why the anarchy of philosophy and method in American higher education?
(3) Wherein does the democratization theory of U.S. and Russia differ?
(4) What are the likely results of the mass explosion of higher education in the U.S. into double its size by 1970?

The three sessions proceeded as follows:

I. The students overwhelmingly responded to the "C is average" caricature and began pouring out illustrations of the same. After breaking the ice with each other, and getting off to a good start of opinion expression, we settled down to some standard gripes about "our system", such as:

1) "Those of us who want to learn are trapped in the mediocrity of the mass of students who come to play and by the professors who cater to that level."
2) "We are caught in the squeeze of making high grades (of worshipping at the artificial competitive shrine) and of developing a well-rounded life, cultivating the better faculty, and learning scholarly procedure".
3) "We are bogged down in departmental slots, and find no places where we may seek to become integrated persons in the unity of knowledge".
4) "We are bothered by our sense of mission to the compromise (academically) college, where persons need understanding and help, and our own ambitions to attend the so-called top schools."

II. In the two subsequent sessions the discussion was guided toward what could be done to remedy the situation, both in terms of individual Christian students and in terms of the Campus Y program.

1) Much was said about how the Y provides an avenue for the student to join with the faculty members who want to transcend the usual barriers and become associates in the community of learning. The resource person described how the Christian faculty member longed for student exchange and friendship - and assured the gang that there were some such faculty on every campus! The participants more than convinced the resource person that they were "eager beavers" not only for grades but also for real knowledge and friendship!

2) They all agreed that the Christian student can fight the false grade-god by attacking at three levels: minimizing their importance, but understanding their rightful necessity, under the present system; persuading the teachers not to promote the curve system; and trying to abolish the very system itself (perhaps like Oxford, etc.)

3) Many felt that the honor system as it operates at its best and when widely extended is one of the places the Christian can contribute most to the campus.

4) The majority suggested that students, especially advanced and graduate ones, be given a voice in deciding more demanding policies with regard to standards, academic policies, the broadening world view (to include eastern philosophies and religions, exchange programs, etc.); most felt that students have enough extra-curricular social, etc. affairs.

5) Many felt that the Campus Union (or its equivalent) offered students a real opportunity to determine both academic and cultural direction.

The general reaction of the students to the discussion surprised the resource person. He had thought that at the end of a hard academic year this would be a dull subject: like talking about an old romance in the midst of a new June romance. On the contrary, we apparently hit the students where they were. I had no trouble getting the students to see the wider and Christian ramifications: whether they will follow up with action is another matter. But I think we did get them to see that as in other social problems the Christian must see the usual dimensions, all of them, the factual and the normative ones, and then go beyond with a deeper dimension and an evangelistic concern. In and out of all the discussions ran their self-consciousness with regard to the caricature of this student decade as "conformist". They rebelled against it, but could give little historical comparison or promise of overcoming its accuracy.

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Seminar on: AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

Leader: Paul Rilling, YMCA Area Staff

The seminar was divided into three sessions. The first dealt with the nature and background of American Foreign Policy. The second session focused on major problems of contemporary U. S. foreign policy. The third session dealt with specific problems and alternatives of American foreign policy.

1. It was noted that foreign policy is usually defined as the pursuit of national objectives beyond the span of jurisdiction of the nation concerned. Foreign policy is inevitably and historically defined as the pursuit of national objectives or national interests. Rarely are any more general, humanitarian, or world concerns considered particularly relevant. The formulation of foreign policy in the United States was considered, and it was pointed out that a president has more influence in the formation of foreign policy than is true in the area of domestic legislation. Through the announcement of American policy and the negotiation of executive agreements he can chart broad directions of foreign policy without consulting Congress or the people. There was discussion of the role of the American people in the formulation of foreign policy. It was pointed out that an informed, enlightened people is essential to effective democratic foreign policy, and that such does not exist in the United States today. This is to some degree an aspect of the over-all picture of the apathy and conformity that was discussed at the conference. It is to some extent due to the superficial and over-simplified treatment given to foreign affairs by the mass media. It is due to some degree to the history of America, which has been a history of internal development, looking inward rather than outward. As Gabriel Almond points out in his book, The American People and Foreign Policy, the American people are ignorant, emotional, and impatient. They tend to over-react to crisis and under-react to in-between periods. James Reston of the New York Times has written, "The American voters are funny people: they don't care. They don't

listen. They don't read. They don't care . . . They get along." There was a review of the history of American foreign policy. This nation was born out of international conflict involving France, Holland, and Spain. Until 1898 we were an isolationist power which could afford to be independent of European power politics. We were safe behind the shield of the British Navy and as a part of the balance of power which maintained European general peace between 1815 and 1914. Our isolation was, however, only in regard to Europe. We were active in South America during the nineteenth century, with the Monroe Doctrine announced in 1823. We were active in the Far East, opening Japan in 1854 and developing the so-called "Open Door Policy" for China.

With the Spanish-American War in 1898, the United States moved from the position of a small, unimportant nation into the ranks of the great powers. We became an Asiatic power after the Spanish-American war, with outposts in the Phillippines, Pueroto Rico, Guam, and Wake. We became increasingly active in Asia during the pre World War I period. Involved in World War I emotionally and financially, and unable to face the risk of Germany dominating Europe, we entered World War I. Following the war, Wilson lost his bid for a more idealistic approach to world affairs, and what little he did gain at Versailles was repudiated by the American Senate and the American people in the election of 1920. The United States withdrew from World Affairs and was involved only to the extent of cooperating in the movement for disarmament during the 1920's. We played virtually no part in any effort to stem the gradual growth of the Axis powers marked by the invasion of Manchuria by Japan in 1931, the invasion of Ethiopia by Italy in 1935, and the Spanish Civil War in 1936. We played no role in negotiations with Germany following her expansionist aims into the Rhineland, Austria, etc. Again an exception was Asia, where we attempted to persuade Britain to join with us in a strong protest and even sanctions against Japan and where we entered into a full-scale naval race with Japan by 1938. In the 1930's as war scares mounted we passed additional neutrality acts in 1935, 1936, and 1937. With the fall of France in 1940, we became increasingly involved with the Allies, and managed to send large-scale aid through loopholes in the laws and perhaps by violating the laws. In 1941 Roosevelt and Churchill issued the Atlantic Charter, and in October, 1941, the neutrality acts were repealed. Throughout the thirties we had made it clear we would not acquiesce in Japanese expansion in Asia, and as the Japanese moves into Indo-China became increasingly serious we reiterated our position that we would not stand idly by. Convinced that the United States stood as a barrier to her aspirations in Asia, Japan launched an attack in 1941, and we were involved in World War II to the fullest.

Following the war the United States found itself in a changed world as one of two super powers. This new world was marked by the decline of the European nations, by the rise of nationalism in the colonial areas, and by the emergence of Russia as another great power. Europe, once the center of power in the world, has now become the target for power emanating from the periphery, from the United States and the story of complete involvement in world affairs, adjustment to a new world marked by such emergent factors as neutralism, nationalism, and the cold war. Our foreign policy has been a search for security without war. Until 1947 our foreign policy was aimed at getting the war over, demobilizing, and returning to "normal conditions of peace." We hoped to cooperate with Russia through the United Nations. This policy was marked by an abrupt change to open conflict with Russia in 1947 with the enunciation of the Truman Doctrine and the development of the Marshall Plan. Our present policy is to maintain our present power and position and avoid war. We are attempting to contain Russian military power by alliances and deterrent power. We are attempting to build up friendly and to some extent neutral nations with economic aid. Our present policy has been criticized as inconsistent with American principles, as bellicose, as inflexible, inconsistent, over-militaristic, defensive, vacillating, and political. Many of these criticisms may have some validity, but we must remember that foreign policy must be evaluated not on the basis of what we would like, but on the basis of available alternatives. There are limitations to our ability to remake the world.

2. During the second session we considered over-all economic and military policy. It was pointed out that we send direct military aid to nineteen nations and economic aid to forty-eight nations, but that much of our economic aid is related to military goals. Less than one-fifth of our total aid since 1945 has gone to underdeveloped nations and very little for economic assistance unrelated to military build-up. Our total foreign aid program has been around 57 billions of dollars between 1945 and 1956. It was noted that the Russian program of economic aid is larger than ours now in the Middle Eastern area.

Consideration of our military policy brought up the question of nuclear weapons and the advisability of some ban upon these weapons. It was noted that our military policy today is virtually based on nuclear weapons and that Dulles has openly stated that even limited wars could be carried on by clean, small, tactical nuclear weapons.

3. During the third session we addressed ourselves to specific problems of foreign policy, considering our present policy and possible alternatives in such matters as the Middle East, Latin America, Europe, etc. There was also discussion of the reasons for anti-Americanism around the world, and the impact of church groups on foreign policy formation.

Seminar on: THE MEANING OF LOVE

Leader: The Reverend Sam Magill
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I. Some Contemporary Secular Notions of Love

A. Romantic Love

Discussed kinds and expressions of romantic love, e.g., "love for love's sake", notion of "falling in love", marriage as bliss which has no problems, etc. Portrayed particularly in romantic novels and magazines and in movies.

B. Naturalistic Love

Represented particularly in Kinsey's findings on sex activities of male and female. Also seen in certain popular writers such as Steinbeck. Represents gratification of natural instincts as normal expression of human life.

C. Mechanistic View of Love

Discussed this view as seen in advertising, industry and Hollywood, i.e. the segmentation and mechanization of personality. Personal attributes intended to attract love from others. The Mechanical Bride by McLuhan used as illustrative material.

D. Victorian Love

Talked about denial of goodness of sex in victorian love - based on utilitarian ends, e.g., procreation, family, economic reasons, etc. Sometimes seen as platonic love - but sex always evil and only to be tolerated as necessary.

Pointed out that there is some truth in each of these notions of love but when held exclusively and carried to logical conclusion, they are inadequate.

II. Toward a Basis for a Contemporary Christian Understanding of Love

A. A Critique of Contemporary Secular Notions of Love

1. As Sub-Christian

None of secular notions seem to be fulfillment of Christian love; therefore, sub Christian.

2. Non-Christian

Some of secular notions, mechanistic and naturalistic, tend to become relationship of "I-It". Persons in relationships treated as things to be manipulated for selfish ends.

B. A Christian View of Love

1. Christian Love as "Impossible Possibility": "God was in Christ"

Ideal at interpersonal relations based upon New Testament "agape". Meaning of agape seen in act of God in Christ. But always viewed as "impossible possibility" in view of man's self-centeredness. Possible for God but impossible for man.

2. Christian Love as Mutuality of Expression and Experience

Christian love seeks community of persons in which encounter is experienced. It seeks the "good" of others in community. Recognizes that persons are not persons in isolation but that they are whole only in community.

3. Love Between Man and Woman

--Ideal is agape (Christian love) - Self-giving love is aim
--But recognition of validity of "eros" and "philia" in relationships
--Self-love complicates relationship

III. Sex as an Element of Love

A. A Contemporary Christian View of Sex

1. Sex in the Creation and Fall

Sex seen as part of creation and therefore good. But man distorts creation by his self-love and therefore misuses his sex.

2. The Purpose of Sex: Community

Sex seeks "one flesh", i.e. union of man and woman into community

3. Sex as Mystery

Sex is mysterious and man does not understand what sexuality means until the sex act. Man and woman reveal to each other and themselves what sexuality is.

4. Sex as Sacramental

Sex is token of love for other-token of commitment, trust and fidelity. Also, token of God's love through act of creation.

B. Sex within Marriage

Only within monogamy is sex a true expression of community and sacrament. Marriage provides the permanence and stability within which sex is fully an act of faith.

C. Sex Outside Marriage

Sex outside marriage is lie and deception because it treats persons as objects of self-gratification.

Seminar on: ARE LABOR UNIONS NECESSARY?

Leader: Emory F. Via, Labor Consultant
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The seminar on unions in contemporary society focused on the theme, "Are Unions Necessary". The participating students held a range of views which led to answers that varied from emphatic "yes" to emphatic "no". Each session was lively, and for the most part all discussion was pertinent to the general topic.

Specific information was provided regarding the day-to-day role of unions, the development of the collective bargaining process and its role in the U. S. economy, and why workers need representation in our economic system. Discussions also centered on the stabilizing effects of collective bargaining, and a great deal of attention was given to the related problems of individual freedom as affected by union organization and the role of large scale organizations, especially economic ones, in a free society.

The discussions were, on the whole, fruitful. Personal experience and training were evident factors behind the attitudes put forth in the group. There were perhaps no "conversions" in any given direction, but some of the fundamental problems surrounding the human elements in the work situation and of understanding organizational and institutional roles in modern society were fairly aired.

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

(During singing of three verses of JESUS WALKS THIS LONESOME VALLEY by singing chorus in the background, a student rises from the audience and walks to the stage. The stage is bare except for a simple backdrop including a plain cross. All voices are coming from the back of the stage. The student by simple motions responds to the words)

ONE VOICE: Where am I as a person living in the midst of bewildering contradictions in this contemporary cultural setting?

CHORUS: Where Am I?

HEAVY VOICES: We are the hollow men, we are the stuffed men.

TOTAL CHORUS: Leaning together
Headpiece filled with straw. Alas!

ONE VOICE: Our dried voices, when
We whisper together
Are quiet and meaningless
As wind in dry grass
Or rats' feet over broken glass
In our dry cellar

TOTAL CHORUS: Shape without form, shade without color,
Paralyzed force, gesture without motion:

NARRATOR: Man faces his culture; will he stand in it or rise against it? The inner directed man would stand alone against his culture, aggressive, self-righteous, directed by an internal force, a gyroscope. The other-directed man would stand in this culture, conforming to his society, trying to pick up radar signs, to follow his peer group. But there is another way for the Christian man. He stands both in and against his culture. How does man, confronted with the contradictions of our society find himself, become himself?

LIGHT VOICES: To achieve any happiness and success in this world you must conform, do the acceptable thing, the right thing.

ONE VOICE: You must choose the right friends.

CHORUS: Conform!

ONE VOICE: You must join the right fraternity

CHORUS: Conform!

TWO VOICES: You must wear the right clothes

CHORUS: Conform!

TWO VOICES: You must go to the right Church

CHORUS: Conform!

(OVER)

THREE VOICES: You must live in the right suburb

CHORUS: Conform!

THREE VOICES: You must drive the right car.

CHORUS: Conform! (louder)

FOUR VOICES: You must not be different

CHORUS: Conform! (Loud)

FIRST CHORUS: Do the right thing

SECOND CHORUS: The acceptable thing

FIRST CHORUS: Acceptable to whom? Right for what?

SECOND CHORUS: Acceptable to your peer group. Right for helping you to fit it, to belong, to be one of the crowd.

ONE VOICE: But can all men be cast into the same mold? You are the hollow men.

HEAVY VOICES: We have unity, we think together; we move together, we act together. We are homogenized men.

LIGHT VOICES: But this is just a unity of indistinguishables. We want a communion of individuals.

NARRATOR: This is what we are searching for. Man must be an individual. But how can he attain self-realization?

ONE VOICE: Turn to the Church. The Church can provide answers for everything.

SECOND CHORUS: But the world has come of age. The cord has been cut between the mother church and the world.

FIRST CHORUS: But it is the responsibility of the Church to provide answers for everything, to offer a thoelogy of content.

SECOND CHORUS: But it is a theology of context that we need.

ONE VOICE: The Church must articulate the gospel in a way that is relevant to conditions of the world.

TOTAL CHORUS: RELEVANT! RELEVANT! (Loud)

HEAVY VOICE: What is relevant to our culture?

LIGHT VOICE: Christian love is the universal answer.

FIRST CHORUS: What is Christian love?

TOTAL CHORUS: Christian love is the will to locate that action which is best for the most people concerned.

HEAVY VOICE: How is this love expressed?

TOTAL CHORUS: Love is expressed through fellowship and sacrifice in gratitude to God.

LIGHT VOICE: How do we find this love?

TOTAL CHORUS: We need not seek it for it is there already. Ours to claim. God loves us, unlovable as we are, God is love. He is all for us. This is the context of everything.

LIGHT VOICE: How do we know that God is love?

SINGING CHORUS: GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (one verse)

HEAVY VOICE: If we have this love, will it assure us of salvation?

TOTAL VERSE CHORUS: We do not need to worry about working out our salvation. It is already ours. There is no level to which we all must aspire. It is the direction of our aspiration which is important. (Loud) DIRECTION DIRECTION

FIRST CHORUS: Is this an absolute?

SECOND CHORUS: The direction is absolute, but the way is relative to the abilities of each man. The way is full of obstacles for some, but easier for others.

LIGHT VOICES: But we must still live in our culture.

HEAVY VOICES: There is a wall between what I am and what I want to be.

TOTAL CHORUS: But this opaque wall which separates man and God has a transparency which is Jesus Christ our Lord.

(As curtain closes the Hallelujah Chorus is played with the one person on stage on his knees before the cross.

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Dear Emory:

On behalf of the co-chairmen and myself, I want to thank you for your leadership in the seminar on Labor Unions at the Student YMCA-YWCA Conference at Blue Ridge, June 6-12. Even though the seminar was small it was a good experience. The small attendance points up the need for all of us to give serious thought to ways of helping college students today understand the place of labor in our contemporary technological world.

You will be interested that the evaluation sheets indicated that the participants in your seminar felt that they had gained a great deal by being in the group. One student - a girl - added to her sheet the following comment "A very lively and well-planned seminar, even though I disagreed with Mr. Via!"

I want to thank you also for your able contribution in the panel on Race Relations on Monday night. Even though the time was brief, I believe it was helpful in getting the basic information before the conference in this particular area.

It was good to have you with us in the conference even for a short time, and I hope we shall be able to call on you again.

This brings warm personal regards to you.

Cordially,

Doris

Doris V. Wilson
National Student Secretary
Southern Region

DVW:js

Do send me your summary!

YW-YMCA REGIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE, ON LABOR UNIONS, JUNE 10-11, 1958
Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds, Black Mountain, N. C.

The group discussions on unions in contemporary society focused on the theme, "Are Unions Necessary". The participating students held a range of views which led to answers that varied from emphatic "yes"to emphatic "no". Each session was lively, and for the most part all discussion was pertinent to the general topic.

Specific information was provided regarding the day-to-day role of unions, the development of the collective bargaining process and its role in the U. S. economy, and why workers need representation in our economic system. Discussions also centered on the stabilizing effects of collective bargaining, and a great deal of attention was given to the related problems of individual freedom as affected by union organization and the role of large scale organizations, especially economic ones, in a free society.

The discussions were, on the whole, fruitful. Personal experience and training were evident factors behind the attitudes put forth in the group. There were perhaps no "conversions" in any given direction, but some of the fundamental problems surrounding the human elements in the work situation and of understanding organizational and institutional roles in modern society were fairly aired.

Copy of summary sent to
Doris Wilson, Nat'l Student
Secretary; by EFV

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

NAME OR SUBJECT:

Paul M. Rilling

REGARDING:

Biographical Data Sheet - sent to Mr. Hubert S. Beckwith
Annandale, Virginia with
copy to David Scull

DATE

June 27, 1958

(SEE)

NAME OR SUBJECT:

State Organizations: Virginia Council, Hubert S. Beckwith

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

NAME OR SUBJECT:

Southern Area Student Council - YMCA

REGARDING:

Proposal for grant-in-aid to New World Foundation

DATE

Corresp. from HCF to VAEAGLE
July 7, 1958

(SEE)
NAME OR SUBJECT
Foundations: New World - Vernon A. Eagle

October 1, 1958

Miss Dorothy Height
National Board YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Height:

Mr. Dabbs has passed your letter on to me and has asked me to fill your request concerning display material of the Southern Regional Council. We are sending you, under separate cover, copies of some of our material we believe suitable for display. We are also sending you a quantity of our Publication Listings for your use.

Included in the packet is a copy of Mr. Dabbs' book, "The Southern Heritage." We think this represents a good display piece; and since Mr. Dabbs is the president of the Council, we hope you will see fit to include it in any display of material from the Southern Regional Council.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Materials sent:

"The Southern Heritage"
NEW SOUTH - January - September 1958
Next Steps In the South
Three Views
What the Supreme Court Said
The Negro Voter
Changing Patterns
Special Reports:
    State vs. Federal Authority in Virginia
    The Move to Disenfranchise The Negro Voter
    Little Rock: A Look at the Record
    Pro-Segregation Groups in the South
Publication Listings (25)
Reprints:
    Congressional Record of SRC
    The Easy Chair
    Segregation Costs
    The Southern Negro: Change and Paradox
    How Southern Conf. of Race Leaders Became Standing Goodwill Group

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Executive Director:
MISS H. ELSIE AUSTIN

September 16, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. - Room 432
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

The 23rd Annual Convention of the National Council of Negro Women will be held in Washington, D. C., November 12 - 16, 1958.

The women attending our convention will be from all sections of the country and represent a cross section of organization interests in the American community.

As a part of the educational exhibits planned for our convention, we should like to have an exhibit of material from the Southern Regional Council. We are especially interested in material which can serve to strengthen and develop our local council programs. We feel that the research materials published by your organization have made a significant contribution to the useful tools for community information and action.

We believe that an exhibit of such materials will add much to our convention displays.

We shall appreciate an early reply.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy I. Height

Dorothy I. Height
National President

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October 22, 1958

Mr. Carlton Parker
Executive Secretary
Southern Area Student Council
Y. M. C. A.
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Parker:

Please accept my best wishes as you assume your new duties here. I hope we may have an opportunity to get acquainted soon.

I understand that you may be seeking a suitable person to replace Paul Rilling as associate secretary. A few months ago, we received an application from the Rev. John S. Hurt, Jr., who was highly recommended to us. Although we were favorably impressed by his background and our interview with him, unfortunately the opening we had in mind did not materialize. In any case, I thought you might like to see the enclosed letter which he wrote us at that time, briefly summarizing his qualifications for work in the race relations field.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosure - 1

CAMP HIGHLAND, R. F. D. NO. 1, SMYRNA, GA. PHYLLIS WHEATLEY BRANCH, 599 TATNALL ST., S. W.

Young Women's Christian Association

72 EDGEWOOD AVENUE, NORTHEAST ATLANTA, GEORGIA

November 5, 1958

Dear Mr Anthony -

This is very late in reaching you but I do want you to know how much we appreciate the very fine presentation on Integration that you did for staff and our two groups on Current Events. The reactions from all three sessions were very good and I think that we all have a much better understanding and know many more of the answers. I still firmly believe that if everyone could hear you that there would be much more understanding and tolerance. It is so difficult to get the real facts without emotional involvements.

You are always so gracious and willing to help us and we are very appreciative of your cooperation. Thank you so very much.

Most sincerely

Dorothy S. Vogel

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209 Kathryn Ave
Decatur, Ga.
DR8-0111

Mrs. Nell White
108 Kathryn -

November 26, 1958

Mr. Carlton O. Parker
Campus Work Secretary
Y.M.C.A.
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Carlton:

I know definitely of only one person other than Will Campbell who knows John Hurt. He is Wade Mackie, director of the American Friends Service Committee's Merit Employment Program in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His address is 1608 Government Street.

I have a shadowy impression that Hurt knew Hugh Brimm, perhaps during seminary days, but I'm not certain. Brimm's address is 4435 Blenheim Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

I, too, enjoyed our lunch and am looking forward to working with you on our common concerns.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

National Council of the Young Men's Christian Associations

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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November 21, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
41 Exchange Place, NW.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Thanks so much for the most pleasant lunch with you on Friday. I am grateful for this opportunity to get acquainted with you and I look forward to many years of close working relationships with you.

I will appreciate your giving me the names of several people, in addition to Will Campbell, who know John S. Hurt, Jr. I would like to go ahead and get as much information as possible about him.

Cordially yours,

Carlton O. Parker

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Campus Work Secretary

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December 11, 1958

Mr. Fred Routh, Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Routh:

Just a note to indicate that you are scheduled to be the speaker on Wednesday, December 17th at the Butler Street YMCA Hungry Club Session.

We are looking forward to having you with us on that date.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary

WRC/erb

VIA AIR MAIL December 19, 1958

Mrs. Henry A. Ingraham
Chairman
Committee on Racial Inclusiveness
Y. W. C. A. - National Board, USA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Ingraham:

Thank you for your letter of December 12 inviting me to meet with the National Board's Committee on Racial Inclusiveness. Much as I would like to accept, there appears to be no prospect of my being in New York on January 8.

I do get to New York from time to time, and if I can be of any service to you or the Committee on one of these visits, I would be glad to.

With best wishes to you and to all of your associates,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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December 12, 1958

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The Young Women's Christian Association is eager to add to its knowledge and skill so that its interracial program of work, nationally and locally, will be increasingly effective.

In order to bring this about we know we need expert help at this time - and the National Board's Committee on Racial Inclusiveness hopes that you would be willing and able to meet with it on Thursday, January 8th from 10 - 12:30 o'clock at its Headquarters, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

We would like to discuss new factors in community life and best methods for dealing with conflict as it exists today.

We hope you can accept our request to give us the benefit of your rich experience and your wisdom, and we would appreciate an early reply.

Very cordially,

Mary S. Ingraham

Mrs. Henry A. Ingraham
Chairman
Committee on Racial Inclusiveness

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December 19, 1958

Mr. Edward L. Nestingen
National Student Council of YMCA's
Auxiliary Assembly of the National
Council of YMCA
291 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Nestingen:

Thank you for your letter and the invitation for us to be represented at the forthcoming Assembly. I had told Ed Vinson I thought that one of us could be present at this important occasion for at least a day or so. However, since that time the loss of one of our key staff persons has hopelessly complicated our working schedule. So I'm afraid I will have to be content with sending you some of our materials and extending our very best wishes for a successful conference.

As to the film "The Face of the South," we find that the Atlanta office of the Anti-Defamation League, which distributes our two copies of the film, has committed both of them for the period including December 29. Let me make a suggestion. The Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches there in New York has copies of the film available. Perhaps you could secure a print from them.

All good wishes for you and your associates.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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December 16, 1958

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We have been under considerable pressure in preparing for the Assembly and I am not sure as of this writing whether I have previously informed you that we would be delighted to have a representative from the Southern Regional Council at the Assembly. We would be overjoyed if that person could be yourself.

Also this is a most belated inquiry as to whether you can supply us with a copy of the film "Face of the South." We would very much like to show it. It should be in our hands by December 29th. If it is available please send it to me addressed as follows:

Mr. Edward L. Nestingen
National Student Assembly
Garner House, Men's Residence Hall
University of Illinois
Champaign, Illinois

I believe that Ed Vinson has talked to you about providing us with literature which your organization makes available. We would be very happy to receive this. It can be sent in considerable quantities if you are able to do so -- (up to 100 copies of such materials as you would like to have available for widespread distribution). Actually we have 1000 persons in the Assembly with 250 giving special attention to the problem of race relations.

My apologies for not having written some of the details earlier. Whatever you can do will be appreciated.

With my very best wishes,

Edward L. Nestingen cc

Edward L. Nestingen

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File with
correspondence
w/ Edward
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The sixth national student assembly

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We will seek to discover...

In this kind of world...

Man standing on the edge of space
Awesome possibilities for discovery or destruction
Struggle and conflict dividing nations and races
Despair . . . aspiration . . . tragedy . . . hope.

Facts to know

In persons like us . . .

Hungry for acceptance, to love and be loved
Wanting to count, to make a difference
Eager to be genuine, real
Driven by forces without and within
Ambiguous in our dedication.

In these movements . . .

Owned by members, students, and faculty
Open to all with varied interests and needs
Concerned about the life of the world and of the campus
Inadequate . . . but set to a tremendous task.

What is God trying to do?

Break through into the midst of our life
Bring eternal perspective to common experience
Reunite us with the Center of Meaning
Overcome the separation that divides man and man
Continue creation in the world and in us.

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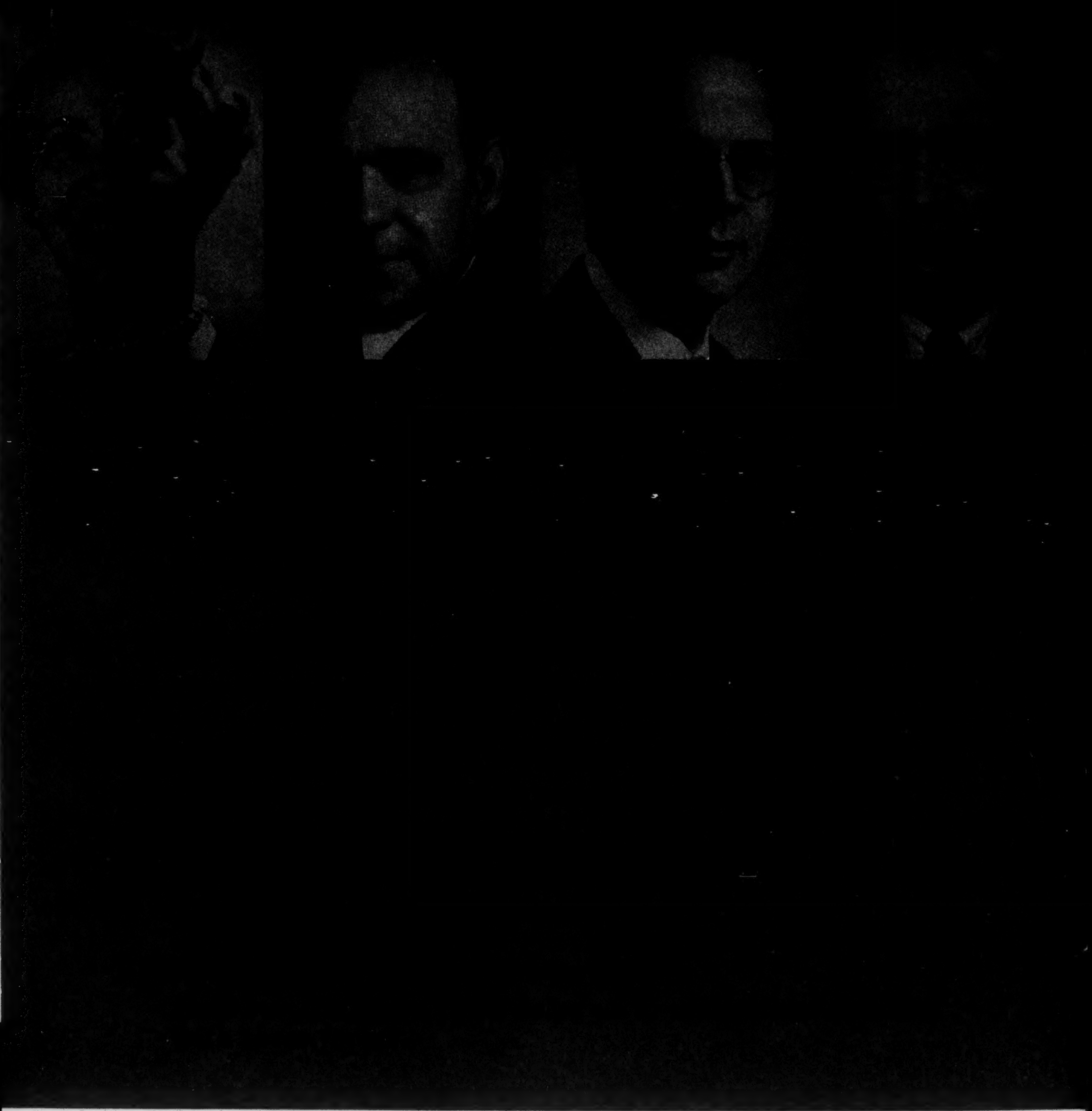

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Our Concern for Interracial Relationships

Presiding at the assembly

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December 29, 1958

Miss Charlis Clarke
Field Staff, Community Division
National Board, YWCA
Southern Region
41 Exchange Place, S. E., Suite 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clarke:

Thank you for your letter of December 18, asking me to serve as a consultant to the YWCA's Conference on Neighborhood Meetings. Fortunately I am available on April 29-30 and will be happy to attend the meetings at the Presbyterian Conference Center near Lake Placid, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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December 18, 1958

Mr. Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Routh:

We would like very much to have your assistance as a consultant in working with a group of YWCA members in Florida.

The Young Women's Christian Associations in the State are coming together in a Neighborhood Meeting on April 29-30, 1959 at the Presbyterian Conference Center near Lake Placid, Florida. In view of the many pressures, both political and racial which board members and staff are experiencing in their communities, the planning committee has asked particularly for help and understanding in the true nature of these forces and in handling controversy, both within the Association and the community at large.

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Our Neighborhood Meetings operate on a very limited budget, so, since we cannot offer travel expense, we hope that this might be arranged in your schedule as a combination with some other undertaking in Florida. We will be happy to offer you hospitality at the Conference Center during the meeting.

May I look forward to an early reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Charlis Clarke
Charlis Clarke
Field Staff, Community Division

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December 29, 1958

Mrs. Nell White
209 Kathryn Avenue
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mrs. White:

At long last I act on our conversation following the YW Current Events class!

We are adding your name to our mailing list to receive our monthly magazine New South and under separate cover I am mailing several pieces of literature in which you may be interested.

I am grateful for your interest in the Council and I hope you will call on us at any time when you think we might be of help.

All good wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

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December 30, 1958

Miss Jan Haberlach
Mr. Scott Rickard
Co-chairmen of International Week
Oregon State College
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Miss Haberlach and Mr. Rickard:

Thank you for your letter of December 17 which must have been delayed in arrival by the Christmas rush.

There are a number of folks we could recommend as speakers for your annual International Week, March 2-6. I note that you already have my friend Margaret Meade as your convocation speaker.

Two people eminently qualified and highly articulate are:

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

and

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dabbs is a plantation owner, a South Carolinian, a former college professor, and has just written The Southern Heritage. In looks and accent he fits the stereotype of the Southern Colonel; however, the content of his speech compares favorably with Eleanor Roosevelt.

Wright is a retired attorney, a South Carolinian who has gone North to North Carolina. He is a powerful speaker, a phrase-maker of Churchillian proportions, an Adlai Stevenson with a Southern accent. He is past President of the Southern Regional Council, and is currently Vice-President.

I believe you could get either of these men -- if they are free at that time -- and only have to pay their expenses, or perhaps expenses plus a modest honorarium.

I can vouch this, that if you get either one of these men it will be an experience that no one who hears him will forget.

Hope this helps you in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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P. S. If neither of these two men are available, feel free to contact me again.

FBR

Harold Flemming

y round table
OREGON STATE COLLEGE
CORVALLIS, OREGON

December 17, 1958

To Whom it may concern;

We are holding our annual International Week here at Oregon State College from March 2 through March 6. The theme for this week will be "Black and White Issues in a Technicolor World." Because of your organization's deep interest in racial problems, we feel that you might be able to suggest to us names of possible speakers for our week.

Dr. Margaret Meade will speak at our convocation on Wednesday, but we would like to have other speakers during the week who could participate in debates or forums. Your organization was suggested to us by the National Student Council of Y.M.C.A. as one that might help us in locating some other speakers.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would let us know, at your earliest convenience, of any persons who would be qualified and willing to speak to our student body on such issues. Thanking you for your kind consideration of our request, we are

Sincerely yours,
Jan Haberlach
Scott Rickard
Jan Haberlach
Scott Rickard
CO-chairmen of
International Week

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HAS PRESENTED...such speakers as Miss Lillian Smith, author, Dr. Maurice Davie of Yale University, Dr. Rita Hinden of England, Judge William H. Hastie, U. Ba Than of Mandalay, Burma, Dr. John Kenneth Clark of City College New York, Dr. John Potts, Voorhees College, Dr. Ralph Bunche of the United Nations, Dr. Ira de A . Reid, sociologist, A. Philip Randolph, Labor leader, Dr. Howard K. Beale, historian, Kamal Shehaib of Egypt, Dr. S. Shridevi of India, Ernest Ukpaby of Nigeria, Judge Luther Alverson, Criminal Court of Fulton County, U.S. Attorney Dr. Harry T. Alexander, Langston Hughes, author, Attorney Morris Abram, Attorney Dan Duke and Mayor William B. Hartsfield.

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October 23rd	Dr. Peter Murray, Chief Surgeon Harlem Hospital
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November 6th	Dr. John Lohman, Sheriff Cook County - Chicago, Ill. (Invited Speaker)
November 13th	Dr. Horace M. Bond, Acting Dean School of Education, Atlanta Univ.
November 20th	Dr. Mathew Walker, Chief of Surgery, Meharry School of Medicine
(Courtesy American Cancer Society)	
November 27th	Dr. Paul I. Clifford, Registrar Atlanta University
December 4th	Attorney Herbert E. Tucker, Jr. Grand Basileus, Omega Psi Phi
December 11th	Dr. George E. Simpson, Head, Dept. Sociology and Anthropology Oberlin College - Ohio
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THE HUNGRY CLUB...

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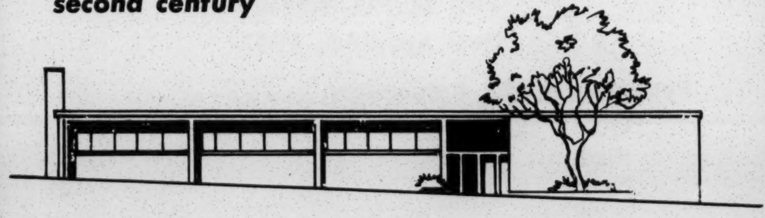
Front elevation of Eastern Branch, Atlanta Y's first building of the second century



Eastern Branch Ground-Breaking Scheduled for July

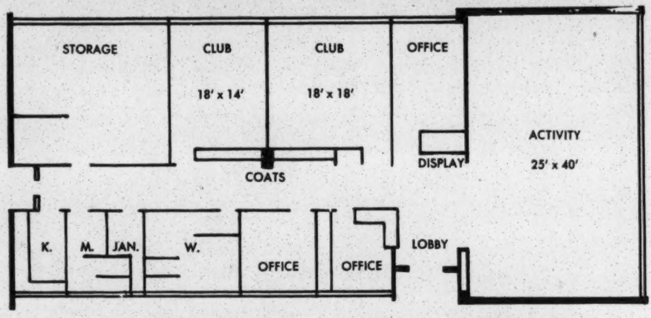
Detailed plans and specifications for the new Eastern Branch YMCA building are now being completed by the architectural firm of Finch, Barnes and Paschal according to William Hosford, chairman of Eastern's Building Committee. He anticipates being able to break ground during the month of July. It is estimated that construction and furnishing of this $75,000 building will be completed in early 1959.

Preliminary requirements and floor plans as shown in this Bulletin were arrived at by the Eastern Branch Building Committee in consultation with the National Building and Furnishing service of the YMCA and the local architects.

This building will be located on the corner of Memorial Drive and Wilkinson Boulevard which is near Murphy High School. It is scheduled to be the first of several new buildings to be constructed as part of the Centennial Building Program of the YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta.

Floor Plan for the Eastern Branch

The Metropolitan Development Committee, Fred J. Turner, Chairman, met April 24 and approved plans for Eastern, Southwest and Westside Branches. Local



Floor Plan for the Eastern Branch

architects will now take over to complete drawings which will be made available for bids later this summer. Each building will be constructed according to latest YMCA specifications which comes out of years of experience.

THE SCORE BOARD
Thru April 18, 1958

Progress of the Campaign

Goal	$3,250,000.00
Pledged	3,067,620.00
Needed to reach Goal	182,380.00
Percentage of Total	94.4

Collection Report

Total Amount Pledged	3,067,620.00
Amount collected thru 4/18/58	1,553,861.00
Percentage of Total (Pledged)	50.6

Since the last Progress Report we have qualified for collecting one of our $500,000.00 Foundation gifts and we are very grateful that they promptly sent us the money.

The other $500,000.00 Foundation gift is available when we qualify by pledging our goal of $3,250,000.00. A faithful group of workers is still attempting to raise the $182,380.00 needed to reach this goal. They will welcome any help you can give them. Possibly you will feel this emergency justifies your giving an additional gift to help finish up this tremendous effort. Maybe your friends, neighbors or business contacts either represent new people arriving in town since our last year's campaign or would also like to give additionally to help finish the job. If you can help us check up on such sources we will greatly appreciate your aid and will be ready to send pledge cards or receive checks. Contact the YMCA Centennial Fund Office, 145 Luckie St., N.W.

Every dollar subscribed means $3.00 to the campaign, because it will help qualify us for that $500,000.00 Foundation pledge.

We appreciate the spirit of those who have continued to mail in their pledges so promptly even though many have moved away from the city since the campaign. We have received pledges recently from Clearwater, Florida; Oklahoma City and Washington, D. C. The good faith of these ex-Atlantans spans more than mere miles. Answering a continued need, their sincerity spans the larger distance—from heart to heart.

Our gratitude also to all our friends who are paying their pledges so promptly. As stated elsewhere in this report we are ready to step up our spending and how fast we can go will depend on collections. The extreme need of youth justifies and depends on your loyalty to this Development Program. The YMCA is only the "avenue." It is our youth population—our potential future citizens on which our business, social and religious future depends—that will be hurt if we cannot complete this program. Your prompt payment is a tangible evidence of your interest in their welfare.

Special Decatur-DeKalb Plans

Decatur and DeKalb County leaders feel that the good people of their Branch territory want their new YMCA building so greatly that they will want to contribute to the "Follow-Up Campaign" for the Centennial Fund.

Many friends were missed in the regular Campaign and some who gave then are willing to give more now, because of the emergency need to provide funds for the new YMCA building on Clairmont Avenue and Maederis Drive.

Organization plans are proceeding under the leadership of the Decatur-DeKalb Branch Board of Management of which Mr. Boyce Outen is Chairman.

John A. Sibley, Chairman of the Steering Committee and William A. Parker, General Chairman of the Centennial Fund Campaign, feel the success of this effort will be a real factor in reaching our total goal of $3,250,000.

Butler Street Renovation Begins

Metropolitan Development Committee approved the spending of $44,500 as the first stage of the renovathion program at Butler Street YMCA. Architect I. E. Saporta is now developing the plans which call for repair and replacing of roofing, adding new windows throughout the building, remodeling the front entrance and stairs, and tuck-pointing all external walls, followed by steam cleaning the front of the building.

YMCA Trustees Purchase Roswell Road Site for New Northside Branch Building

Robert Miles, chairman of the North Side Branch YMCA Site Committee, has announced the purchase of two plus acres on Roswell Road as the site for the new Northside Branch building. The property fronts 250 feet on Roswell Road just opposite the Alberta Drive intersection. An attractive sign has been erected on the property. (Note picture in Bulletin.)

Plans for the new comprehensive type YMCA building are now being developed by a special building committee of the Northside Branch Board under the leadership of John M. Mount. Several new buildings in other cities have been studied by this committee and a decision will be made soon as to facilities the Northside building will contain in this first unit.

Architects are Finch, Barnes and Paschal. The National Council's Building and Furnishing Service staff will serve as technical consultants to the building committee and the local architects.

NEW NORTHSIDE BRANCH
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Acquisition of Roswell Road Property Brings Smiles from Northside "Y" Board Members

Robert Miles, (second from right) Chairman of the Northside Branch Site Committee, backed by fellow committee member, Rankin M. Smith, (extreme right), take pride in handing over the property survey to John M. Mount, (second from left) Chairman, and Ed. S. Croft, Jr. (3rd from left) of the "Y" Building Committee. William S. Huffman, Branch Executive Secretary, smiles his approval. Acquisition of this property on Roswell Road ends the task of the Site Committee which has been at work for more than a year.

Southwest Branch Building Plans Nearing Completion

The project which will no doubt be started late this summer and completed early in 1959 will be the building to be occupied by the new Southwest Branch YMCA.

Southwest is the name given to the merger of West Fulton and South Fulton Branches. Plans are already underway to complete this merger by January 1, 1959. Ralph N. Moore will become the Southwest Branch Executive and Jack Edwards will be the Associate Director.

The $100,000 Southwest building will be located on the sixteeen acre tract fronting on Campbellton Road near DeLowe Drive. H. Elliott Gatehouse, Chairman of the newly formed Southwest Branch Building Committee stated that architects Edwards and Portman hope to have working drawings ready for bids by August.

The building will include an entrance lobby, activity room, two club rooms, a craft room, two staff offices, a work office, control counter, kitchen and program equipment storage area.

This building will be built in stages, with complete physical facilities coming in future phases.

Westside Branch Space Budget Approved

Clayton R. Yates, chairman, Butler Street YMCA Building Committee, has announced plans for the new West Side Branch which will be constructed soon on the property located at Ollie Street and Desoto Avenue.

The building will cost approximately $325,000 and will be designed by the architectural firm of Edwards and Portman. It is expected that bids can be taken sometime in late August with construction beginning this fall.

Some of the outstanding physical features of this new building are:

Entrance Lobby
Two Club Rooms
Two Staff Offices
Kitchen and Storage
Junior Locker Room
Junior Shower Room
Attendant's Work Center
Large Activity Room
Craft Shop
Control Counter
25′ x 75′ Swimming Pool
Senior Locker Room
Senior Shower Room
Misc. Storage Rooms

YMCA Camps Improved

The development of both YMCA Camps, Waco and Pioneer, is under way and the campers will be able to use many of the new facilities this season. Campers at Waco will have the facilities of a completely new water and sewage system, fifteen new cabins and modern shower houses. The Pioneer campers will enjoy ten new cabins and there will be modern facilities for the staff and cooks.

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Y.W.C.A.

February 17, 1959

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Once more we are indebted to you for contributing to out program. There is no new way in which I can tell you how much our people enjoy your discussions. I can only wish that you could hear the comments and the expressions of appreciation we receive. This time our executive, Mrs. Duskin, came from a Christian Council meeting after you spoke here and called me to tell me that the reactions there were most favorable. I know I am prejudiced in your favor because I know what a fine job you always do, but this time the comments fully justified the way I feel. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

We will be calling on you again in April, I know, and we hope you will be available.

Most sincerely,

Dot Vogel

Mrs. Dorothy S. Vogel
Health Ed Director

MEMBER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

February 23, 1959

Mr. Charles Briggs
Y. M. C. A.
Ohio State University
Columbus 10, Ohio

Dear Mr. Briggs:

In the interest of time, Mr. Fleming, who is away from the office, has asked that we respond to your letter of February 12.

We will be happy to be of any possible help to the members of your Spring Tour. Under separate cover we are sending a few materials which may be of some interest.

I gather from your schedule that the group will be sponsored in Atlanta by Atlanta University and that arrangements have already been made for each overnight stop.

If you are to be in Atlanta during the regular work week, we will be happy to have the group visit our office. At that time arrangements could be made to have the group meet our staff and discuss the work of the Council. If you would care to do this, or if we can be of help in any other way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION ✶ YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

February 12, 1959

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director, South Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, North East
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We recently spoke to Rev. Gretz about our Southern Tour and he suggested that we write to you. We would appreciate any suggestions you may have in making our trip most informative and interesting. We have written to President Clement and a member of his faculty (see schedule) for room and board accommodations.

The Ohio State University Young Men's Christian Association and Young Women's Christian Association are sponsoring its 12th Annual Spring Tour. This year our plans are being made to leave Columbus on Friday, March 20 and return on Sunday, March 29.

We estimate from 12-15 students and faculty making up this integrated group of men and women representing different racial, cultural and religious backgrounds. A number of International Students have also expressed a desire to join us.

Could you assist us in the following?
1) Meals (where to have them---we will be glad to pay our own expenses unless it is otherwise designated)
2) Lodging (where it is indicated on the schedule---we will need to make reservations and will be glad to pay our own expenses)
3) Sponsors (We wish to know whether some group on the campus or in the community will be willing and able to amek arrangements for our meetings, meals lodging (where indicated) and in general, prepare the way for us. We wish to talk to individual faculty, students, administrative personnel, local ministers and public officials or to meet with groups designated above)

You see, the purpose of our tour is to develop a better understanding of the conditions that face the South today.

1. To inform ourselves of these actual conditions.
2. To inform students on our campus and people in the community of our impressions of the South.
3. To do what we can as student to establish better understanding among different racial groups.

Therefore, we feel that it will be important to listen to the opinions of the people we meet; live in their homes in some cases; to meet with them, etc. Now, if some of these objectives are impossible or impractical please suggest alternatives. In any event we will be glad to consider your recommendations.

We feel that we should obey the state laws at all times and conduct ourselves in a respectful manner. If you have any suggestions which will help make our travel bothe enjoyable and without undue incident please let us know. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Charles Briggs
Charles Briggs, Danielle Arnett
Co-Chairmen

12th ANNUAL SPRING TOUR MARCH 20-29, 1959

Sponsored by Ohio State University YMCA-YWCA

Leave Friday, March 20 or Saturday March 21

Columbus to Berea, Kentucky	Visit and stay overnight. Contact: Mrs McCurdy Berea College
Berea to Atlanta, Georgia	Visit and stay overnight. Contact: President Rufus Clement Atlanta University Atlanta, Georgia Contact: Dr. Akilesh Dubey (same university)
Atlanta to Columbus, Georgia and Americus, Georgia	Visit and stay overnight. Rev. Clarence Jordan Koinonia Farm Americus, Georgia
Americus, Georgia to Tuskegee, Alabama	Visit and stay one or two days. Contact: Dr. Daniel Winn Chaplain, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
Tuskegee to Montgomery, Alabama	Visit Montgomery while staying in Tuskegee.
Montgomery, Alabama to New Orleans, Louisiana	Visit and stay one or two days. Contact: Dr. Wm. Lloyd Imes Visiting Dean of Chapel Dillard University 22 New Orleans, Louisiana
New Orleans, Louisiana to Birmingham, Alabama	Visit Talladega College (during the day and go on to next stop) Contact:
Birmingham, Alabama to Nashville, Tennessee	Visit Fisk University, Vanderbilt University, Methodist Publishing House, etc. (Stay one or two days) Contact:
Nashville, Tennessee to Columbus, Ohio	
Arrive home Sunday, March 29	

March 10, 1959

Miss Florence Harris
Correlator
Southern Regional Office - YWCA
41 Exchange Place, S. E., Suite 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Florence:

At long last, the minutes of the inter agency meeting!

Seemed a shame to so drastically cut your good account of the meeting, but it seemed wise for security reasons.

Many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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Enclosure - 1

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Mr. Paul Rilling

Dear Paul:

The Jacob R. Schiff Fund Committee has just advised they are giving the Southern Area Student Council of YMCAs $20,000 a year for each of the next three years for our work with Southern colleges and universities in the area of racial tensions. Congratulations for your hard work which has paid off! All of us are indebted to you.

Cordially,

Carlton

cc: Harold Fleming ✓

March 30, 1959

Mr. Carlton Parker
Executive Director
Southern Area Student Council
Y. M. C. A.
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Carlton:

Many thanks for your letter and invitation of March 24.

It distresses me deeply that I am not able to accept. I am long committed to a two-day meeting in Washington, at which I will be speaking on April 16 & 17, and it is unlikely that I will get back in time even to make the Saturday morning session of your program.

There are few meetings that I would like to attend as much as this one, especially since I seemed to have been jinxed in missing the several important occasions for which you and Ed have thought of me.

I don't have to tell you that I am eager to be of any service I can to you and to the campus work project.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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March 24, 1959

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Room 432
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

You are cordially invited to be a special guest and resource person at the April 17th and 18th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Area Board of YMCAs' Campus Work Committee referred to in the enclosed memo. Because of your experience, insights and interest in the unique opportunity now afforded Campus YMCAs in the Southern Area, your counsel is urgently needed at this particular moment in our history. Your participation will help determine the course of action we shall follow in the next three years.

I sincerely hope you will be able to attend. You will be reimbursed for your expenses in connection with attending this meeting. I shall be grateful for your reply on the enclosed post card.

Sincerely yours,

Carlton

Carlton O. Parker
Executive Secretary
Southern Area Student Council of YMCAs

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Enclosures - 2

MEMORANDUM

Southern Area Council
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
Young Men's Christian Associations

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Date: 24 March 1959

To: Executive Committee, Campus Work Committee of the Southern Area Board of YMCAs

From: Carlton O. Parker, 706 Standard Bldg., Atlanta 3, Ga.

Subject: Meeting of Executive Committee

The Jacob R. Schiff Fund's grant provides us a great opportunity for service! It also places a big mantle of responsibility on our shoulders. This is exactly what we have wanted and I am confident that the fruits of our combined labors will to a marked degree help to shape the South we all aspire to see and be a part of.

To begin the necessary planning for the three-year period of special work with Southern colleges and universities in the area of racial tensions, Mr. Bruce Maguire, Executive Secretary, National Student YMCAs will be in Atlanta for our next meeting. Chairman Edward M. Vinson has asked that we meet from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M., including dinner, Friday, April 17, at the Atlanta YMCA, 145 Luckie Street, NW. Since this is such an important occasion, a number of additional persons (some of whom were in the earlier Consultation at Blue Ridge) are being invited to join us. Because Friday evening probably will not give us enough time, Ed has asked that we also plan to meet at the Atlanta YMCA on Saturday morning, April 18, beginning at 9:00 o'clock and continuing through lunch, which will be served at 12:30.

It is hoped that these two sessions will be sufficient for us to single out things we learned from the recent two-year period of work that we desire to retain. We will also want to determine the purview of our Special Project for the three years immediately ahead.

Implicit in our considerations must be the importance of seeing this Special Project within the framework of the total YMCA Campus Work enterprise in the Southern Area. Therefore, part of our time will be devoted to looking at the total picture of Campus YMCAs in the Southern Area and then planning the Special Project in such a way as to realize the greatest possible results specifically in the easing of racial tensions while at the same time doing everything possible toward strengthening and extending our Campus YMCAs. The wise counsel of every member of the Executive Committee is urgently needed to accomplish this task. So, I sincerely hope you will be able to participate fully in these sessions.

Please indicate your plans on the enclosed post card and return at your earliest convenience.

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Material sent:
300 copies Dabbs Interview
300 " N. Y. Times Changing Paradox
100 " Publication Listings
New South - 1959 issues
Changing Patterns
Negro Voter
Next Steps
What the Supreme Court Said
Economic Cost of School Closing
Three Views
Why are you Fearful?

April 21, 1959

Miss Elisabeth Grady, Chairman
YWCA Literature Committee
Jarvis Christian College
Hawkins, Texas

Dear Miss Grady:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Y's Interracial Workshop.

I am sorry but we have very little free literature available at this time, however, I am sending you, under separate cover, some pieces of free literature plus some sample copies of other literature. Included are some Publication Listings which might be of use at your workshop.

If we can be of additional help, please write.

With best wishes for your workshop.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
HAWKINS, TEXAS

April 18, 1959

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

The YMCA and the YWCA are planning an Interracial Workshop on our campus, that will involve approximately 300 students. Our theme is "The Changing Social Order and Its Mental Affects: The Individual, The Family, and the Community".

We would like very much to secure from you any available free literature relating to our theme, at the earliest possible date.

Your co-operation and promptness will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Elizabeth Grady S.K
Elizabeth Grady, Chairman
YWCA Literature Committee

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May 11, 1959

Dr. Celestine L. Smith
Consultant on Human Relations
National Student YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Dr. Smith:

I am hopelessly late in acknowledging your letter confirming the plans for a National Student YWCA Staff Study Consultation on Human Relations August 20-24 in the Chicago area. I have reserved the dates August 21 and 22 and am looking forward to being with you at that time.

You have probably long since made your background reading suggestions to the participants. That's probably just as well; there is so much literature on this subject that I would be hesitant to single out one or two pieces without more knowledge of the group's present knowledge and special concerns.

In any case, whatever we might have suggested would be well known to you already -- Dabbs' *Southern Heritage*, Ashmore's *Epitaph for Dixie*, *Neither Black Nor White* by the Stokelys, and perhaps the late Charles Johnson's article in the New York Times Magazine of September 23, 1956. William Peters' new book, *The Southern Temper*, is also an excellent treatment of the situation in the South. Another new resource is *Action Patterns in School Dessgregation* by Wey and Corey, published by Phi Delta Kappa.

If we can assist the conference, through our literature or otherwise, let me know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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1. *one* of following:

Ashmore - Epitaph
Dabbs - Heritage
Dykeman-Stokely - Neither

2. C. S. Johnson, "A Southern Negro's View of the South" in either *The Journal of Negro Educ*, Winter 1957; or

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N. Y. Times Magazine
9/23/56.

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Any suggestions?
HF

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April 3, 1959

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We here at the National YWCA are deeply grateful that you have consented to participate in the Leadership of our National Student YWCA Staff Study Consultation on Human Relations to be held August 20-24 in the Chicago area. We also greatly appreciate Dr. Kenneth Clark's part in helping us to secure your Leadership.

Our delay in writing has been due to our desire to be more definite about exact place of meeting and the exact period of time we would need you with us. However, even though we cannot yet be definite about either of these we want to reassure you of our expectation to have you with us for a period of time on August 21st and 22nd. The enclosed notes from our January YWCA Staff Meetings will give you some overview of the range of interests and concerns of our College and University Staff of sixteen. Your suggestion of some one or two pieces of reading material for Staff background preparation would be helpful.

In accordance with Dr. Clark's clearance with you we are prepared to offer honorarium of $100.00 and travel expenses, round trip, air coach. When more detailed scheduling of sessions and roles of Leaders have been worked out you will be hearing from us again. I shall be working on this with Dr. Clark next week.

In the meantime we would appreciate hearing from you to be reassured regarding the August 21-22 dates and also to receive the reading suggestions.

We all look forward enthusiastically to having you with us.

Sincerely yours,
Celestine L. Smith
Celestine L. Smith, Ed. D.
Consultant in Human Relations

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TO: National YWCA Staff College and University Division

FROM: Celestine L. Smith, Consultant in Human Relations

Regarding Program Direction for Staff Study Consultation on Human Relations to be held August 1959.

In our January Staff Meetings and Planning Committee Session the following points of view were brought out:

We are faced with the questions of how we move forward in the area of race relations. What should our strategy be? How can our movement have a creative and dynamic thrust in times like the present?

It was our belief that the starting point should be the National Student YWCA Staff itself--our group of 16. We need to develop more competency in the area of race. We need more knowledge and information. When we have greater security and confidence in ourselves a better job can be done.

A Staff Study Consultation for late August is proposed--Present dates August 21-24. Place: Near Chicago Preferably Palos Park, Lake Forrest College, or McCormick YWCA in Chicago.

Content to be dealt with would be the following:

I. The 1954 Supreme Court Decision--Where are we to date? How best implement it? What is the nature of the power structure in which we must work? What of the meaning and role of law in a Democracy?--What of its relation to political and socio-economic factors? What are the basic issues in the School Desegregation and Integration problem in South (and North)? What of civil liberty problems in the North? Is not the way of life threatened in North as well as South? Who owns the schools? What of National Policy? What help can communities expect from the Federal Government?

II. Closely Related Issues and Concerns--

A. The Law and the Christian Faith--What is the Christian demand and responsibility? There is need to make worship a Central experience--Use of Dialogue--Rhythm of the Faith and the Culture.

B A Psychological understanding of racial problems--Myths and Stereotypes New ways of changing attitudes and understanding ourselves--How do we relate to those who differ from us? The breakdown of old levels of interracial communication in some communities as pre-lude to new kinds of communication at different levels. Emerging new self-image of Negro leadership and Negro masses and its effects upon emerging new Self-image of white leadership and white masses--Where are the places, the points at which these changes are taking place? The American problem of human rights at home world leadership and influence abroad.

III. The College and University Campus--Its sociology-power structure and how YWCA's can work more effectively within it. In what ways has campus situation changed in recent months? Does apathy re race still hold on segregated campuses or are there new awarenesses of racial conflict in campus life in general? Do we see new YWCA role in Teachers-Education or Teachers Colleges?

IV. The Student YWCA--Its Strategy and Plan of Work in Human Relations for the 3 to 5 year period ahead.

A. A Review of:

1. Our Experience as a Movement
   Where do we stand today?

2. What are the Specific Tasks to be undertaken in bringing practices in closer relationship to our affirmations?

   a. on Campuses?

   b. in Intercollegiate YWCA Work?

   c. in Relation to Work with YMCA?

   d. in Relation to Work with Community Division YWCA?

3. What are the Resources for continuing Development of National Staff Leadership?

   Use of

   a. Consultations (Individual and Group) Seminars--Individual Staff Travel--Study Courses, etc.

   b. Written Materials

   c. Other Movements and Agencies

   d. Other

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perhaps we should be
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necessarily by
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L WDL: Jerry - This came to my desk earlier but was read May 16. Henceforth, could MA represent our interests with the "Rel. & Race" matters in Atl.? I'm doing a lousy job of doing so.
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TIMELY TOPICS LUNCHEON

Y.W.C.A.

"THE QUIET REVOLUTION

Moderator - Mrs. J.C. Harris
"The National Challenge" - Rev. John Morris
"The Local Response" - Mr. Don McEvoy
Monday, May 20 at 12:30
Luncheon $1.65 - Phone JA 4-3416 for reservations not later than May 15.

Atlanta is one of 10 cities selected for special follow-up work after the National Conference on Religion and Race was held in Chicago in January. Although it is early to assess fully the significance of this great interfaith gathering, all religious groups and community agencies will be involved.

The YWCA is glad to give the opportunity...

- ... to hear a report of the Conference from Rev. John Morris, Executive Director of the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity
- ... to learn something of the hopes and possible plans in Atlanta from Mr. Don McEvoy, Director of the Georgia Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews
- ... to give your questions and suggestions to the moderator, Mrs. J.C. Harris, YWCA Central Program Director

You may be interested in knowing Atlanta's Executive Committee members who are to lead in answering this challenge to justice and love. They include Bishop Paul J. Halliman, Dr. Benjamin Mays, Rabbi Jacob Rothschild and Rev. Herman Turner.

We hope you will come and bring others who are interested in this appeal to the conscience of the American people.

If not, I demand a properly routed apology.

IS 11:00 AM too late??

? - MM

OR WHAT DO YOU MEAN TOO LATE?

INVITATION TO ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations interested in this worthwhile undertaking are invited to send representatives to the Timely Topics Luncheon. Please make reservations at the YWCA, JA 4-3416, by May 15.

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what you think?
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Check with Stage

I got this routed too late - MJ

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May 18, 1959

Mrs. Dorothy S. Welborn
2801 Augusta Road
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

Thank you for your recent letter with the kind words about my participation at the YW Neighborhood Conference at "South Winds."

I was very favorably impressed with the calibre of the participants. Those are hard-working, dedicated and intelligent gals, and the South would be a lesser place without them. I admire your leadership of this group.

Thank you for your good wishes in my new work. I will need all the wishes, all the luck, and all the prayers I have been promised. Fear not, I shall never forget Florida or the South, for it has been truly said that one's mind is usually where one's heart is.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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May 11, 1959

Dear Fred Routh,

I just wanted to add my personal "thank you" for your presence and helpful information at South Winds. Charles and I agreed that our meeting was a good one and that you had a very large part in making it so. I learned much from your discussions and I'm sure everyone there had the same experience.

My best wishes in your new work but don't forget Florida and the South!

Sincerely yours,
Dorothy S. Welborn

To build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians . . .

From the Purpose of the YWCA

The Southwest Regional Council of

Student Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

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3012 MAPLE AVE.
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June 12, 1959

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

What is the price of securing 100 copies of your map entitled "Percentage of Non-White Population in Counties of Southern States"? Can these be secured separately from the pamphlet "Next Steps in the South"?

Very truly yours,

Oliver Smith

Oliver Smith
Associate Secretary

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June 15, 1959

Mr. Oliver Smith
Associate Secretary
The Southwest Regional Council of
Student Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.
3012 Maple Avenue
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

In regard to your inquiry concerning the population map, I am sorry but this map, as printed separately, is out of print. The only copies available are included with a Southern Regional Council publication, NEXT STEPS IN THE SOUTH. A copy of this publication is being mailed to you.

It is unlikely that we will reprint this map since the 1960 census is near at hand and these figures are based on the 1950 census. If we do reprint the map in the near future, however, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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New York City, July 17, 1959

Memo

Re: National Student YWCA Staff Study Consultation
or
Human Relations

From: Celestine L. Smith, Consultant in Human Relations

Mr. Thurgood Marshall will not be able to arrive at Lake Forest until Saturday, August 22nd due to the hearing of a school desegregation case called in Dallas for August 21st. We are therefore suggesting some changes in the sequence of our session. We still count heavily on the climate of the consultation being one of informality, sharing, flexibility and freedom to make all scheduling meet our needs as they emerge. Nevertheless, we wanted to let you know in advance of this major change in the sequence of our program.

We are indeed grateful for the genuine interest Mr. Marshall has shown in making every effort to be with us.

STAFF STUDY CONSULTATION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill.
August 20-24, 1959

REVISED SCHEDULE

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(Remains the same)

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Panel Presentation - Dr. Clark, Dr. Seward, Mr. Fleming.

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Community Reactions to Breakdown of Legal Barriers to Segregation
Panel Presentation - Dr. Clark, Chairman; Mr. Marshall; Dr. Doris Seward; Mrs Harold C. Fleming; Miss Lenice Larkin.

Sixth and Seventh Session Saturday Afternoon, August 22, 1:30-4:00
The 1954 Supreme Court Decision as the Law of the Land
The Legal Struggle for Civil Rights - Mr. Marshall

Eighth Session Saturday Afternoon - 4:15
Summary Statement of emphases and trends as they have emerged in the Consultation - Dr. Kenneth Clark

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The College and University Campus - Dr. Doris Seward

Sunday Scheduling - (Remains the same)
The Student YWCA, its strategy, emphases and plan of work in Human Relations for the period ahead.

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8 AM
per call
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The content with which we expect you to deal in the Friday afternoon, evening and Saturday morning sessions is outlined in the Program Guide. Dr. Kenneth Clark will be with us to coordinate the content of the various sessions. Please let me know if there are questions or further information needed.

All seventeen members of our National Student YWCA Staff are deeply grateful that you have accepted our invitation to be with us on August 21 and 22.

We look forward to a fruitful Consultation.

Sincerely yours,

Celestine L. Smith

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Celestine L. Smith
Consultant in Human Relations

June 16, 1959

TO: National Student YWCA Staff

FROM: Celestine L. Smith, Consultant in Human Relations

RE: Staff Study Consultation on Human Relations

I There are 6 enclosures in this envelope to complete your packet of reading materials for the Staff Study Consultation on Human Relations.

1. Guide to Program Content
   Staff Study Consultation on Human Relations

2. Race Prejudice as Self Rejection
   An inquiry into the Psychological and Spiritual Aspects of Group Conflicts by Laurens van der Post.
   The Work Shop for Cultural Democracy, 1621 York Ave., N. Y. C.

3. Rexographed copy of The Southern Temper by William Peters as reviewed by Ralph McGill in The New York Times Book Review Section, May 3, 1959.

4. Rexographed copy of Registration Requirements for the state of Georgia.

5. Myths and Racial Integration
   A memorandum prepared originally as a program package for use by chapters of the American Jewish Congress, 15 East 84th Street, New York 28. 10¢

6. Summary of Psychiatric Aspects of School Desegregation -
   A report issued by the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry, 1957 published by the American Jewish Congress, 15 East 84th Street, New York 28. 10¢

II Materials already sent to you under separate cover or recommended for your purchase.

1. Prejudice and Your Child by Dr. Kenneth B. Clark
   Beacon Press, 25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

2. The Southern Temper by William Peters, published by Doubleday and Co., New York 1959.

3. Rexographed copy of "Forward" to The Southern Temper

4. Stride Toward Freedom by Martin Luther King Jr.
   Harper and Bros., publishers, New York 1958.

5. Social Action Magazine, January 1959, special issue on "Toward Racially Inclusive Churches" carrying a book review of Stride Toward Freedom.

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General Preparation of Staff

In the August 20th opening evening session our Consultation leadership will want to come to know us better - especially Dr. Kenneth Clark who will be coordinating for us the sessions of the first two days. Brief statements should be made by each of us as to who we are, type of work portfolio carried, size of our regions, types of colleges and major human relations problems about which we are concerned. I believe that in three minutes each of us could cover these points if careful preparatory thought is given and we write out brief statements for use at this opening session.

Preparatory Reading - I believe that between now and August 20th we will find reading and study of the daily press to be most helpful. The Sunday New York Times should be included in this reading if possible. The social scene is changing so rapidly that we need to watch it and study it on a day to day basis. There can be no doubt that the self image of the Negro American and of the white American is changing. There is perhaps no better source than a studied daily press to sharpen our insightfulness regarding this step by step process which is now taking place in our midst.

Regarding Required Reading - Yesterday at long last we received our book order of Prejudice and Your Child. One copy has been mailed to each regional office. The second book on Dr. Clark's list, Citizens Guide to Desegregation we finally found to be out of print so must be omitted from our required list.

As a Second Required Reading for Lake Forest - and most highly recommended by Mr. Flemming is The Southern Temper by William Peters. It was published less than a month ago; is up to date and written by a man who can speak for both North and South. Enclosed is a rexographed copy of the foreword to this book and also a review of the book by Ralph McGill. The cost is $3.95.

Regarding Stride Toward Freedom by Martin Luther King - I am hopeful that you will find time to read it if you have not already done so, although it is not on our required list. Enclosed is a copy of Social Action magazine which carries a review of this book.

There is so much written material on the subject of human relations It is just as well that we not try to cover too much but as a small staff group try to read a few of the same references as suggested here to the end of our achieving something of a common background of knowledge.

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Regarding - National Student YWCA Staff Study Consultation on Human Relations

Aug 20 - 24, 1959

DIRECTIONS FOR REACHING LAKE FOREST COLLEGE
Lake Forest, Illinois

For those arriving in Chicago by train:

See enclosed railroad schedules -
North Shore Railway
Chicago & Northwestern Railway

For those arriving in Chicago by plane:

From Midway Airport

1) Take Limousine from Midway to Downtown Chicago and then take the North Shore or Chicago-Northwestern Railway to Lake Forest.

From O'Hare Airport

Inquire about limousine which goes to Evanston from O'Hare, take it to Evanston and then take North Shore Railway from Howard Street (Evanston) to Lake Forest.

Take a taxi from Deerpath stop on the North Shore to the College. The cab company telephone number is Lake Forest 300.

Housing at Lake Forest College

Alice Lodge on North Campus

First Meal

Thursday Evening August 20th 5:30 PM

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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

July 31, 1959

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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My dear Mr. Fleming:

Once more we are asking you to be the speaker at the Hungry Club and the date we are suggesting is WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1959. Since you have graciously spoken several times before, I don't need to tell you about the pattern of the Hungry Club other than to say it begins at 12:15 p.m. and suspends at 1:30 p.m. The theme is, "THE SOUTH'S POTENTIAL AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATIONAL AND WORLD LEADERSHIP."

If you find that this date is acceptable, would you drop us a line and tell us the subject you have chosen and if it is not acceptable, would you suggest another Wednesday which is more suitable for you, preferably in December?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Warren R Cochrane
Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary

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Phoned OK +
said would write
re: subject

Student YWCA

STAFF STUDY CONSULTATION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill.
August 20-24, 1959

GUIDE TO PROGRAM CONTENT

"It is a common error to think of the race situation as static, as a problem that will remain fixed until it is solved. What we call the race problem is not what it was a hundred years ago, or fifty years ago, or twenty or even ten years ago. The situation is constantly shifting and changing. It has never remained the same in any two generations and it has never shifted more rapidly than it is shifting at the present time...."

James Weldon Johnson, as quoted in
Along This Way, Viking Press, 1933.

"The idea at the basis of the ideal ('the kingdom of Heaven is within you') is that the right way of acting comes from the right way of thinking and that there is no cure and no means of improving the world that does not begin with the individual himself."

C.G. Jung, Two Essays on Analytical
Psychology, Dodd Mead & Co., 1928

National Student YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

"When we have greater security and confidence in ourselves in the area of Human Relations a better job can be done."

Quoted from National Student YWCA
Staff Meeting Minutes of
January 1959

PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION

As a staff group of 17 carrying responsibility at the national level for student YWCA work in the colleges and universities of the country we are faced with the question of how we can move forward in the area of race relations. What should our strategy be? How can our movement have a more creative and dynamic thrust in times like the present?

The purpose of the Consultation is fourfold:

1. To assess more accurately the nature of the times in which we live;
2. To see more clearly the values of the Hebrew-Christian tradition as they relate to the problems of our times;
3. To understand more fully the psychological roots of race prejudice;
4. To arrive at some consensus regarding strategy, emphases and program direction in the area of Human Relations for the National Student YWCA staff in the immediate period ahead.

First Session   Thursday Evening, August 20, 7:00 p.m.

The Law and the Christian Faith

Opening Worship - Miss Nancy Simons

An Overview of the National Student YWCA Work and Human Relations concerns as related to portfolios carried by individual staff.

Toward a Psychological Understanding of Racial Problems
Dr. Kenneth B. Clark

Myths and stereotypes - Facts behind the separate but equal doctrine - What studies have shown about the effects of segregation.

Understanding ourselves and how we relate to those who differ from us. New ways of changing attitudes.

Emerging new self-image of Negro leadership and Negro masses - Its effects upon emerging new self-image of white leadership and white masses. Where are the places at which changes are taking place?

The American Problem of Human Rights at home and world leadership and influence abroad.

GROUP DISCUSSION -

Second Session   Friday Morning, August 21, 9:00 a.m.

The Law and the Christian Faith

Morning Worship - Miss Simons

The 1954 Supreme Court Decision as the Law of the Land
Thurgood Marshall, Esquire

The sweep of the decision in its historic perspective. What of the meaning and role of law in a democracy? What of recent attempts to subvert the law? What of the struggle between the law and power politics? What are the basic issues in school desegregation in the South? -- in the North? Who owns the public schools?

What of the ballot and other civil rights problems in the South and North? What can be expected from the Federal Civil Rights Commission?

Define crucial issues -- Note marked trends -- Make prognostications.

GROUP DISCUSSION -

Third Session   Friday Afternoon, August 21, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

The Legal Struggle for Civil Rights - Mr. Marshall

Where are we to date in strategic situations like Arkansas? Virginia, Texas, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and other Southern and border states? - a case by case review of crucial situations.

Where are we on Civil Rights problems of the North: School desegregation; housing; employment; use of commercial facilities; etc.?

GROUP DISCUSSION

INTERMISSION
TEA 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Fourth Session 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Community Reactions to Breakdown of Legal Barriers to Segregation

Panel Presentation - Dr. Clark, Chairman; Mr. Marshall; Dr. Doris Seward; Mr. Harold C. Fleming; Miss Lenice Larkin.

Community Reactions to the NAACP - North and South.

The role of NAACP leadership as contrasted with role of other community leadership in fields of psychology, sociology, education, religion in ending discriminatory practices in American life.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Fifth Session   Friday Evening, August 21, 7:30 p.m.

The Sweep of the 1954 Supreme Court Decision Sociological Implications - Mr. Harold C. Fleming

The nature of the power structure at state and local levels - Is not the way of life threatened in North as well as South?

Forces at work for and against desegregation. How do they relate to socio-economic factors? What of National Policy? What may communities expect of the Federal Government in solving school desegregation problems? What of the breakdown of old levels of interracial communications? What are the barriers to communication in the North? How does the social factor affect desegregation and integration?

How do we assess what is progress and what is regression in specific situations such as outbursts of violence; passing of massive resistance laws; teacher purges, etc.

GROUP DISCUSSION -

Sixth Session   Saturday Morning, August 22, 9:00 a.m.

The Law and the Christian Faith

Worship - Miss Nancy Simons

Implementing the 1954 Supreme Court Decision - Mr. Harold C. Fleming

Where are we to date in terms of community reactions and plans for desegregation in the South and border states? -- such as Arkansas Virginia, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, etc.

Note crucial issues and trends in each of the Southern and border states including public school desegregation problems of the North.

Note trends - Make prognostications.

GROUP DISCUSSION -

Seventh Session   Saturday Afternoon, August 22, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Higher Education -- General reactions to breakdown of legal barriers to segregation as viewed by University Administrator, Social Psychologist, and Sociologist.

Panel Presentation - Dr. Clark, Dr. Seward, Mr. Fleming.

In what ways have campus situations changed in recent months?

Major racial problems in higher education in the North -- and in the South.

GROUP DISCUSSION -

INTERMISSION
TEA 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Eighth Session   Continued Discussion of Previous Session 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Summary Statement of emphases and trends as they have emerged in the Consultation   Dr. Kenneth Clark 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Ninth Session   Saturday Evening, August 22, 8:00 p.m.

The College and University Campus Dr. Doris Seward

Campus Sociology-power structure and how the YWCA can work more effectively within it.

How can we move toward a more inclusive and integrated YWCA membership? Do we see new YWCA roles such as with foreign students, teacher education, etc.?

How can YWCAs deal more effectively with problems of minority group isolation, quotas, housing, employment, fraternities, sororities, etc.

Sunday   August 23

The Student YWCA, its strategy, emphases and plan of work in Human Relations for the period ahead.

Plenary Session - National Student YWCA Staff

Worship - 9:00

Overview of Work of the Day 9:30

Work Groups 10:00-11:30 (See next page for content)

LUNCH 11:30-12:30

Continuation of Work Groups 3:00 -

TEA 4:00 p.m.

DINNER 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Report Session for Work Groups 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Closing Worship 9:30 p.m.

STAFF STUDY CONSULTATION - CONTENT OF WORK GROUPS

Group 1

Our Experience as a Movement

Where do we stand today in our policies and practices in race relations? What do the learnings and experiences of the Consultation say to us re: our way of work; priorities; special needs, etc.

Group 2

What are the Specific Tasks to be undertaken in bringing practices in closer relationship to our affirmations?

a. on Campus?

b. in Intercollegiate YWCA Work?

c. in Relation to Work with YMCA?

d. in Relation to Work with Community Division YWCA?

Group 3

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a. Consultation (Individual and Group) Seminars--Individual Staff Travel--Study Courses, etc.

b. Written Materials

c. Other Movements and Agencies

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September 22, 1959

Dr. Celestine L. Smith
Consultant in Human Relations
National Student Y.W.C.A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Dr. Smith:

Many thanks for your kind letter and remittance.

I enjoyed the Lake Forest meeting and congratulate you on a fine job of constructive self-examination.

Any time SRC can be of any service to you and your associates, you have only to call on us.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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September 11, 1959

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council - Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The National Student YWCA staff is deeply grateful to you for the meaningful and challenging leadership which you gave to us at our Staff Study Consultation at Lake Forest. How we wish you could have been with us longer to have shared even more of your knowledge and wisdom with us. I am sure that the Consultation has already begun to bear fruit within our Student YWCA staff and within the larger Student Christian Movement as we moved forward in our National Student Council meetings, August 27-September 3.

We greatly value what you have done for us and we shall be turning to you and the Southern Regional Council, from time to time, as we continue to work more effectively in this whole area ~~of human relations~~.

HCF

Enclosed is a check for $206.50 to cover honorarium and travel costs.

Again let me say how deeply grateful we are for your leadership at Lake Forest.

Sincerely yours,
Celestine L. Smith
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Consultant in Human Relations

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(Dictated by Dr. Smith but not read)

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Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Fleming:

Thank you very much for being so understanding and agreeing to switch dates for the Hungry Club in order that Mr. George O. Butler, Educational Director of the President's Committee on Government Contracts, may be the speaker as that is the only date he has available.

As per our telephone conversation, we are immediately rescheduling you for NOVEMBER 25TH.

As I indicated also over the telephone, we sincerely wanted you and we did want you to come at an early part in the program since your work and the purpose of the Hungry Club is so closely connected. Thank you again for accepting the date of NOVEMBER 25TH.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary

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Ethan T. Colton, Sr.
103 Overlook Road
Upper Montclair, N. J.

November 11. 1957

Dear Mr. Constable:

My hearty thanks for your ready, adequate response to my request for data on the founding and development of the "Commission on Interracial Cooperation" and the successor Southern Regional Council.

The material to be used will not appear in an organized comprehensive document. We are to compile a collection of biographical sketches of laymen prominent in YMCA history in the United States, through the first century of the Movement. ~~A~~ One of the figures was John J. Eagan. We want the information to include facts out beyond distinctive YMCA operations - in short a man's whole career. Mr. Eagan was I believe the Commission's first Chairman.

Several other YMCA leaders were in at the founding - Willis D. Weatherford, director of the Blue Ridge Conference operations; R. H. King, general Secretary of the Charleston S. C. YMCA; and S. A. Ackeley, Virginia YMCA State Secretary. Their names appear to have dropped out of the record as well as that of Dr. John Hope. Will Alexander also was a YMCA staff officer at the time. Again thankfully and sincerely, Ethan T. Colton, Sr.

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January 22, 1960.

Mr. Harold Flemming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Flemming:

First of all let me say how grateful we are for the free material you sent to us for use in the Institute for Leadership in Intergroup Relations which is to be held in Millbrook N.Y. on February 1-5, 1960. It is going to be very helpful as the participants study together on how we can make more of an impact on problems facing us all.

Now I wonder if you could send us some additional copies of the material as we are having more people come to the institute than we had planned. We need ten (10) additional copies of each of the following: The Negro and the Ballot in the South, Why Are You Fearful?, and The New South, September 1959.

We will be glad to pay the additional postage and if there is another charge just bill us.

Perhaps it would be better for you to send the material directly to us here at 600 Lexington Ave. if you think it could arrive before we have to leave on February 1. If you think there is not enough time, send it direct to me at Institute for Leadership in Intergroup Relations, Altamont, Millbrook, N.Y.

Materials sent to this address

Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Henderson
Ruth Henderson
Consultant Intergroup Relations

February 25, 1960

The National Board of the
  Young Women's Christian Association
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Friends:

This is to acknowledge with appreciation the invitation to join in the occasion for Miss Edith Lerrigo on March 3. I deeply regret that I cannot be in New York on that date.

I do want, however, to convey my very best wishes and those of the Southern Regional Council to Miss Lerrigo and to the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

The National Board of the

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cordially invites

Mr. Fleming

to meet

the

General Secretary

Miss Edith M. Lerrigo

Thursday afternoon, March third

at four-thirty o'clock

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Young Women's Christian Association

72 EDGEWOOD AVENUE, NORTHEAST ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 19, 1960

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear ~~Mr. Anthony~~ Paul:

I just want to confirm your conversation with Mrs. Erwin in regard to speaking to our Board of Directors Monday morning. I believe she asked you to come at 11:45, which is approximately the time that we complete our business. This is something we have looked forward to for a long time and we are grateful that you can talk to our top volunteer leadership.

As Mrs. Erwin told you, our Board consists of approximately 36 women representing various geographical areas, with various backgrounds, of various denominations and faiths. They are also at varying degrees of their understanding of the YWCA, its philosophy and program. We feel that your contribution will be both interesting and helpful to this group.

I feel that we have imposed upon you on Monday, because Mrs. Nell White tells me you are also speaking to the Hobby Nite group Monday evening at 8:30. It is impossible to tell you how much you have meant to this group over the months and years that you have included Hobby Nite in your discussions. We are grateful to you and will look forward to having you both Monday morning and Monday evening.

Sincerely,

Mary Kate

Mary Kate Duskin
Executive Director

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on

NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL YWCA ACTION ON DESEGREGATION IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Sample Copy of Page from CUES Program Paper

Feb 1960 Issue

Dear President:

On December 1st we mailed you copies of an historic letter on Desegregation in Public Education sent by the National Student YWCA to the Attorneys General and Boards of Education in the fifty states. Now we would like to hear from you. For example:

- What happened when you received this letter?
- What was done with it?
  - With whom was it shared? (Advisor? Cabinet? Board? Members? others?)
- Was it helpful to your Association in its program?
- What further help would you like? How might this letter stimulate cooperation between nearby student and community YWCAs?

Won't you sit right down and write us now!

Date -

Memorandum to "600"

From ______________________ Association ______________________

Address ______________________ ______________________

Send to National Student YWCA, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York 22, New York.

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November 30, 1959

TO: Presidents, Advisers and Staff of the Student YWCA

Dear Fellow Members of the Student YWCA:

In accordance with action taken by the National Student Council of the YWCA at its annual meeting held at College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, we are sending you these enclosures.

As you will note Miss Lilace R. Barnes, President of the YWCA of the U.S.A. and Miss Mildred H. Esgar, General Secretary, have sent to all our community YWCAs a communication regarding our Student Council action on equal opportunity in public education. Information regarding our Council's action will also be shared with the Honorable Isabel Catto, President of the World Young Women's Christian Association.

A letter similar to the one sent to Attorneys General and State Departments of Education has also been sent to the following:

The President and Vice President of the United States
The Attorney General of the United States
The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
The President's Commission on Civil Rights
The Chairmen of the Democratic and Republican National Committees
The National Council of Churches of Christ in America

We send these communications to all of our student YWCAs for your information. The National Student Council YWCA also suggested that student Associations consider using letters similar to the one enclosed with boards of education in their local communities when such communications could be helpful in forwarding racial integration in our public schools.

With best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Mae C. King
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Enclosures

Memorandum

November 30, 1959

YWCA
National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

To: Presidents and Executive Directors (Please share)
Chairmen of Committees on Administration
and Branch Executives

From: Lilace Reid Barnes, President
Mildred H Esgar, General Secretary (ad interim)

The National Student Council of the YWCA in its annual meeting at College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, took action which grew out of a deep belief in the necessity of equal educational opportunity for all regardless of race. The position of leadership which the Council assumed resulted in sending the attached letters to Attorneys General and State Departments of Education in the fifty states of the U.S.A. Similar letters were sent to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the President's Commission on Civil Rights, the Chairmen of the Democratic and Republican National Committees, the National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

We are sending copies of these letters to community Associations because the Student Council wished to share the depth of its concern and conviction with fellow members in the YWCA of the U.S.A., and because we believe leaders of community Associations will be interested in knowing the position of college and university members who have so often inspired us to take courageous leadership.

Enc.

(separate mailing to Branches)

NATIONAL STUDENT YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S.A.

600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

November 30, 1959

Attorneys General and State Departments
of Education in the 50 States of the
United States of America

Sirs:

The National Student Council of the YWCA at its annual meeting at College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, gave serious and thoughtful consideration to the situation in our country which deprives many of our young people of equal opportunity for adequate education. Out of this concern the Council voted that this letter be sent to Attorneys General and Departments of Education in all states.

Because our Christian faith compels us to be concerned about human relations in our nation, we are deeply troubled about the crisis in American education. We, therefore, as a national body, wish to go on record as continuing our support of the 1954 Supreme Court decision regarding desegregation of the public schools, and we are calling upon our college and university Associations throughout the nation to work for understanding, support and implementation of this decision. Ours is more than a passing interest. As Christians and students we feel strongly that public education must be preserved as a democratic institution.

We believe resistance to the Supreme Court decision imposes serious limitations on public education for individuals in elementary, secondary and higher education. We recognize that while state-enforced segregation remains in only a few places in our country de facto segregation still exists in virtually every state in our union. We therefore urge all those who carry responsibilities for leadership and decision in government and education to expend every effort to bring present practices in communities into harmony with the new national educational goal. We further urge that where there is what now seems to be only token integration every effort be put forth to encourage and extend the process of school integration.

We know that you are concerned with this grave question. We would appreciate your suggestions of ways in which we could support your efforts to secure equal opportunities for all in American education.

Yours very truly,

Mae C. King
Mae C. King, Chairman
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December 17, 1959

TO: National Student YWCA Staff and Council Members

FROM: Celestine L. Smith, Consultant in Human Relations

RE: NSCYWCA Action on Desegregation in Public Education

This memorandum is to bring you up to date on responses to the action taken at our 1959 Annual Council Meeting at College Camp, Wisconsin.

You have already received copies of the letters dated November 18 and November 30th and sent to governmental officials at the National and state levels respectively.

The following are excerpts from all the responses received to date. The ad hoc follow-up committee under the chairmanship of Marlene Oeschger will welcome any questions, reactions or suggestions which you might send in. Please address mail to Marlene Oeschger, National Student YWCA, 600 Lexington Avenue.

CLS:eh

Excerpts from Responses Received from National Officials as of December 17, 1959:

1. The Republican National Committee - Mr. Thruston B. Morton, Chairman

"Two of the basic principles of our system of government are that the rule of law is supreme and that every individual, regardless of his race, religion or national origin, is entitled to equal protection of the laws. I believe that the problem of integration is not one of Federal rights or States' rights, but one of guaranteeing human rights to all citizens. I am sure you will agree that the rights of all Americans depend on respect for our lawfully determined rights.

The ways in which you can help to secure equal opportunity for all in American education are to stand firm in your beliefs and to uphold our American principles for the preservation of individual rights and freedoms."

2. The Vice President of the United States - Mr. Richard Nixon

"I share your point of view that fundamentally this is a moral problem and only with the good will and effort of all of our citizens will we find solutions that will add to the strength and unity of the United States, rather than cause additional strains to the very fabric of our nation.

I would suggest that one of the best ways your members can be of positive help in this situation would be to offer your assistance to the Advisory Committees of the Commission on Civil Rights that exist in nearly all of the states. I am enclosing a copy of the latest directory of membership of these committees.

You may be sure your interest and concern are greatly appreciated."

3. Office of the Attorney General, Washington, D.C. - Mr. William P. Rogers

"I was most pleased to learn of the efforts of these organizations to assure to students their right to equal educational opportunities.

You have inquired how you might further assist in this important endeavor. Organizations like the YMCA and the YWCA are able to fulfill a function which is beyond the scope of a law-enforcement agency. Young people, particularly those who are attending our public schools and institutions of higher learning, can help to develop a climate of understanding which will permit the changes that may be necessary if the ideal of equal educational opportunity for all our youth is to be fully realized. To that end, study and discussion of the problems involved, particularly with those who are not necessarily like-minded, can do much to eliminate misconceptions and prejudices. Beyond that, personal example will demonstrate that bigotry and discrimination have no place either in education or in a democratic society in general. The task, as the President has emphasized, is to educate people to their responsibilities in a free society, for a full appreciation of the rights of others is perhaps the most effective way to make meaningful to all our citizens the concept of equality under law."

4. Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. -Mr. Gordon M. Tiffany

(Letter in full)

"This will acknowledge your very fine letter of November 18, 1959, addressed to Dr. John A. Hannah, Chairman of this Commission. It is particularly gratifying to know that a college organization of national scope is concerned with the deprivations of other youth in such a basic matter as equal opportunity for education.

You, no doubt, understand that this Commission is not an action group. It is charged by the Congress with the duty of studying and collecting information "concerning legal developments constituting a denial of equal protection of the laws....". The information secured serves as a basis for recommendations to the President and the Congress for executive or legislative action.

In the field of public education, in addition to continuing the study of desegregation of public elementary and secondary schools and the problems related thereto, the Commission has begun a study of discrimination in public colleges and universities on a nationwide basis. Since the purpose of this study is to identify problems and propose solutions, individual institutions need not be named in the Commission's report.

In addition to a survey of admission policies, the Commission is trying to secure enrollment data by race for the summer session of 1959 and the regular fall term 1959, and information as to limitations imposed on students who are minority group members both on and off campus. Are minority group members permitted to live in college dormitories and eat in college dining halls without segregation? Are they able to participate in and attend athletic events on a non-segregated basis? Are they included in other campus activities, including social events? Are places of public accommodation offcampus such as rooming houses, restaurants, theaters, bowling alleys willing to receive such students? Is their professional training as teachers, social service workers, nurses, dentists or doctors hampered by restrictions in allied institutions where practical training is done? In short, are minority group members treated in the same manner as other students both on and off campus?

If your organization, or any of its college or university associations, has any information, studies or surveys on any of these subjects and would like to make them available to the Commission, I would be happy to hear from you."

5. The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare - Washington, D. C. - Dr. Arthur S Flemming (Replying also for the President of the United States, Mr. Eisenhower - Letter in full)

"The White House has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of November 18th addressed to the President, identical to the one sent to me on the same date, in which you set forth the views of the National Student Councils of the YMCA and YWCA in support of Supreme Court decision relating to racial segregation in public education.

I heartily endorse the views expressed in your letter. This department is deeply concerned with the strength and quality of American education, and deplores any action designed to interfere with the conduct of education in accordance with the law of the land. Such actions have the effect of weakening education and eroding respect for law. This department has recommended legislation to authorize Federal assistance to affect States and communities to facilitate the process of public school desegregation. For your information, I am enclosing copies of the bills which embody this proposal (S. 958, H. R. 4457) together with explanatory material.

You request my suggestions of ways in which your organizations could support efforts to secure equal opportunities for all in American education. I can think of no better way than that which you are pursuing--to state with vigor and clarity the moral and social basis of your position, and to make your individual and organizational views known."

6 The Democratic National Committee - Mr. Paul M. Butler

"In answer to your request for suggestions in which you can further this goal, it seems to me that first of all we must recognize that the problems of prejudice and discrimination, of denial of human rights because of race, color or creed, are not limited to one section of our nation. They are national in scope. Racial strife such as has occurred recently in several Northern states is no less a blot on the national conscience because it occurred in the North. Bigotry, hatred and mob violence know no geographic boundaries.

"Certainly, youth groups such as yours, dedicated to the belief in the inherent rights of all Americans to equality, can do much to further this goal. Specifically, I believe that young people can help to bring together people of good will to discuss the problems arising out of tensions. I believe that individuals within your group can further understanding by helping others to develop their own thinking and to help them understand more clearly the moral right as well as the necessity of equality for all of our citizens. Student publications, student forums and campus organizations can help to develop human relations conferences.

"The very fact that your groups have expressed your concern and are pledged to work for our goal of equality is a most encouraging and inspiring sign. Your dedicated efforts, I am confident, will bring results that will not only reflect the truly Christian philosophy of your organization but will reflect our nation's truly democratic beliefs."

Excerpts from Responses Received from the State Level as of December 17, 1959:

1. The State of Florida - Attorney General's Office - Mr. Richard W. Ervin (Letter in full)

"Thank you for your letter of November 20 advising me of the view on public school segregation of the National Student Council of the YWCA.

Your interest in sending me this information is appreciated."

2. Springfield College, Massachusetts - College Chaplain's Office-Mr. Ralph W. Odom

"I would think that if specific suggestions might come out from your office relative to how individual local groups could be constructively influential that this might be of considerable help to us.

3. State of Illinois - Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction - Mr. George T Wilkins (Letter in full)

"In reply to your letter of November 30, 1959, in regard to segregation in the schools in our Nation, and also your request that YWCA be notified as to what they can do in supporting this endeavor, we realize that de facto segregation still exists. It is hard to secure documentary evidence in the areas in which de facto segregation exists in the greatest degree. If the minority and white races together documented evidence of de facto segregation, it would certainly assist us in carrying out the mandate of the law "With Kindest Regards."

4. State of Ohio - Office of Attorney General - Mr. Mark McElroy

"I am sure you will be pleased to know that this office shares your concern and that everything possible has been done by us to eliminate any situations that might develop from such conditions.

We have cooperated one hundred percent in the very liberal laws passed by our own state not only in the letter but in the spirit.

You are to be commended for the fine work you are doing and you can rest assured that we will always give you our full support."

5. State of Alabama - Office of Attorney General - Mr. MacDonald Gallion

"May I say that I am deeply concerned with this grave question, and I further feel that my christian faith is equal to that of all of you in your organization?

In your concluding sentence you state that you would appreciate suggestions of ways in which we could support our efforts to secure equal opportunities for all in American education. Here in Alabama I know of no discrimination toward anyone, white or colored, in being afforded an equal opportunity for an education. We are simply opposed to integration."

6. Texas Educational Agency - Commissioner of Education - Mr. J. W. Edgar (Letter in full)

"Thank you for your letter of November 30th in regard to your concern over adequate education for our young people. I am glad to have your views."

7. State of Mississippi - Press The Jackson, Mississippi Clarion-Ledger of December 7, 1959 in its featured column "Affairs of State" carried the NSCYWCA's full letter to the attorney general with this introduction:

"Attorney General Joe T. Patterson is flabbergasted.

The morning mail Saturday brought him a letter from the National Student YWCA of the U.S.A., which has just about turned a good segregationist against an organization long held in high esteem.

The YWCA, which all of us have been glad to support as a beneficiary of the United Givers Fund, issues the following letter:"

8. State of New York - Attorney General's office - Mr. Louis J. Lefkowitz

"Your organization is to be congratulated for its forthright action.

Every true believer in our democratic society must recognize that education cannot recognize any boundaries of race, creed, color or national origin. Discrimination, whether outright or indirect, not only is abhorrent to our moral sense but wasteful of the greatest resource which our nation enjoys - the talents of our young people.

The State of New York pioneered the struggle against segregation in education, and is proud of its position of leadership in fighting a cruel prejudice which stems from ignorance and blind thinking. Statutory and decisional law is the catalyst which will hasten the day when public understanding will insure success on a full national scale.

The Young Women's Christian Association has a proud record of achievement. I am confident that the action programs of its National Student Council will make an important contribution toward removing barriers of race and color from the road to education and accomplishment."

9. State of Iowa - Department of Public Information - Mr. Joseph S. Davis

"You have my assurance that the Iowa State Department of Public Instruction, and the Administrative Staff of Mr. J. C. Wright, State Superintendent, Mr. Paul Johnston, Assistant Superintendent - Administration, and Mr. Arthur Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction, are solidly behind your efforts to bring about a complete and satisfactory desegregation of the schools.

The Iowa schools have been integrated for some time and currently there appears to be no acute problem here.

We will be glad to give you any further cooperation possible."

THE UNIVERSITY YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
574 HILGARD AVENUE • WESTWOOD VILLAGE • LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

March 10, 1960

Dear John,

Often think of all of you in the Southern Regional Council and do hope that things are going well. I saw Paul Rilling at a YWCA meeting in New York in February and we had a chance to talk a bit about common interests in the South.

I am enjoying my new job and finding Southern California different and interesting. It is hard to imagine the snow, ice and storms that the East is experiencing...not to mention Atlanta...while I dig in my patio garden with flowers blooming and warm sunshine during the mid day. This is our winter! I am living in Santa Monica, a few miles from my job, which is indeed a blessing in this large, geographical area.

The University YWCA is located across the street from the campus and is an independent organization. We struggle to get the students in the building and must do it on our own because of the separation of Church and state here in California. 'Tis a constant struggle but challenging. Come visit us some time.

The main purpose of this letter is to ask to be placed on your mailing list for all publications of the Council. I am enclosing a check which I hope will cover these and if there is any left consider it a "contribution". It is very hard to get any real information on the situation in the South and I want to keep my interest alive. Of course I want the "New South" but plus any other publications you have or do throughout the year.

The students at UCLA are planning to picket the Woolworth store in Santa Monica to protest its policies in the South. The Chessman case and capital punishment have been competing for interest with civil rights in the South. It seems now that the capital punishment issue must wait for next year for action.

This brings best wishes to you and others who remember me. I shall never forget my days in the South!

Cordially,

Doris

Doris V. Wilson

P.S. I am executive Director of this YW.

P.S.^{2}. Could you send me George Mitchell's address (Ore.)

in Scotland. A friend here is going to Scotland next month and will be travelling about. Does George have his motel? Hope you can send this pronto. Thanks

Decided to enclose one of our Address on Residence.

CAMP HIGHLAND, R. F. D. NO. 1, SMYRNA, GA.
PHYLLIS WHEATLEY BRANCH, 599 TATNALL ST., S. W.

Young Women's Christian Association

72 EDGEWOOD AVENUE, NORTHEAST ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Y.W.C.A.

March 30, 1960

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

We have waited entirely too long to thank you for your most interesting presentation at our February Board meeting. I know we expressed appreciation at the time, but ever since then I have wanted to write you a note telling you that the information you gave us and the fine way in which you gave it meant much to our Board members.

We also appreciate your cooperation in our Homemakers and Hobby Nite Classes. You have been one of the people that has given the best interpretation of our present situation to our members, and we are grateful.

With best wishes -

Sincerely,

Helen B. Erwin

Mrs. T. C. Erwin, Jr.
President

HBE:aj

March 21, 1960

Miss Doris V. Wilson
Executive Director
The University YWCA
574 Holgard Avenue
Westwood Village
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Doris:

It was a pleasant surprise to hear from you and especially so with a nice contribution. We do appreciate it.

Things are really popping here what with the lunch counter protests finally coming to a head. There hasn't been too much controversy so far.

I don't know whether you have heard but there has been several incidents of integration at the city auditorium. Things are really looking up.

I envy you in your winter setting with the blooming plants. We have had entirely too much ice and snow here in the sunny south.

You will, of course, be receiving all of our materials and I will try to drop you a line occasionally; and in turn, I would like to hear from you once in awhile.

Dr. Mitchell's address is: Glencoe, Argly, SCOTLAND.

Again thanks and write again soon.

Sincerely,

JC/lec

John Constable

MAY 1, ~~1959~~ 1960

CAST UP LTR. FROM BETSY TAYLOR, YWCA
RE: HCF'S PARTICIPATION IN SOUTHEAST
REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON JUNE 17.

SEE: YWCA - GEN. CORRESPONDENCE.

Memo FROM THE DESK OF **HAROLD FLEMING**

1/27/60

MF -

Please check corresp. for me to determine when I'm supposed to be at YWCA conference at Blue Ridge (in June, I think), and by when I'm supposed to send them a manuscript

HCF

November 23, 1959

Mrs. Betsy D. Taylor
Chairman, Southeast Region
YWCA Conference
P. O. Box T-3
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Thanks for your understanding letter of November 18. I shall look forward with pleasure to being with you on June 17, and I will see that a text or outline of my presentation reaches you by June 1.

Note

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

For Speech file
Articles et. al.
HCF

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Cordially,

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[MF- Please turn up this + earlier correspondence about May 1.]

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P. O. Box T3
Greensboro, N. C.
November 18, 1959

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Because we are convinced that you are the best possible person we could find to speak to the Regional Y. W. C. A. Conference June 17 on this particular subject, we are quite willing to take a chance on it being quiet enough on the "Southern front" at that time for you to be with us. If an emergency should arise and you find it necessary to have someone substitute for you, we will understand, hoping, meanwhile, that that will not be necessary.

May I remind you again that we are most anxious to have a copy or an outline of your address by June 1 in order that discussion leaders may be briefed prior to the Conference?

According to the schedule which we have set up, your talk will be made during the opening conference session which will be held from 7:30 - 9:00 P.M. There will necessarily be some announcements as well as a brief worship service which should leave at least fifty minutes for your address. Unless I heard from you to the contrary, I shall assume that this is satisfactory with you.

I am looking forward to seeing and hearing you in June.

Very sincerely,
Betsey D. Taylor
(Mrs. John R.)

November 9, 1959

Mrs. Betsy D. Taylor
Chairman, Southeast Region
YWCA Conference
P. O. Box T-3
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of November 3 inviting me to take part in the YWCA's Southeast Regional Conference on June 17. I am pleased that you thought of me for this presentation and would like to accept, but I can only do so with a reservation.

As you know, the Southern Regional Council works in an unpredictable field and often finds itself faced with unexpected crises and demands. From sad experience, I have learned that a commitment as far in advance as this one may lead to a terrible dilemma as the time draws near. Therefore, I could only accept with the understanding that I might, if later circumstances required, arrange a suitable substitution for our staff or board. As far as I know now, there is no reason why I should not fulfill the assignment, but I would rather hedge now than risk the possibility of leaving you in the lurch later on.

I realize that you might well prefer to enlist someone who can accept without this qualification, and in that case I will understand completely.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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P. O. Box T-3
Greensboro, North Carolina
3 November 1959

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Once in each triennium the Young Women's Christian Association holds regional conferences throughout the United States. These meetings are planned to give Association members an opportunity to review the progress they have made, to discuss questions of national and regional importance, and to look ahead to future trends within the Movement. These meetings are planned by committees representing every segment of our membership, and are designed to be of the greatest possible value to the cross-section group of women and girls who will attend.

The Southeast Regional Conference will be held in the Blue Ridge Assembly near Black Mountain, North Carolina, from June 17-20, 1960. We expect some 350 Y.W.C.A. members from ten states to attend, representing the teen-age and student groups as well as the adult membership, whose backgrounds, interests, and experience will vary widely.

The planning committee in its recent meeting felt that the most meaningful program for us in this region would consist of three parts:

First, a presentation of our particular problems in the South as a part of the revolutionary change which is taking place in the whole world today. We want to come to a deeper understanding of the time in which we live, of how what is happening throughout the world is affecting us, and how we, in turn, must face honestly problems which cannot be exclusively ours to deal with or ignore, but which are shared by the whole world. We feel that there is no one better qualified to make this presentation than you, and we do hope that you will be able to do it.

Second, I am writing today to ask Dr. Kyle Haselden to talk to us about how our Christian Faith is related to the world today; whether or not it has within it the dynamic which will enable us to face courageously the facts of life as we live it here and to act effectively in overcoming the problems which we have begun to see with new clarity and in a wider perspective.

Third, we have asked Miss Edith Lerrigo, the new General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in this country to bring our thinking down to specifics within the Y.W.C.A. in discussing "From Faith to Action."

Our plan is to divide the total conference up into small discussion groups which will meet in two sessions lasting about ninety minutes each to discuss the addresses which have been made. These groups will be led by experienced discussion leaders who will meet together for preparation and further training before the Conference opens. In order that they may be more effective in working with their groups, we would like to have either a copy, a summary, or an outline of the addresses by the first of June.

The talk which we hope very much you will give to us is scheduled for Friday evening, June 17, at 7:30 P.M. In behalf of the entire committee, may I tell you haw very much we hope you can be with us?

Very sincerely yours,

Betsy D. Taylor

Mrs. John R. Taylor
Chairman Southeast Region
Y.W.C.A. Conference

May 9, 1960

Miss Anne Mathers, Secretary
Oberlin YWCA
YWCA Executive Committee
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Miss Mathers:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material concerning the student protest movement. We shall mail you any further material which we publish in this field.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Human Appeal
N/S March 1960
Special Report on Sit-Ins

JC

YWCA Executive Committee
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio
May 6, 1960

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Because we wish to keep well informed as to the progress of the national "sit-in" movement and of civil liberties legislation, we would appreciate being placed on your mailing list to receive any valuable information about recent action and reaction. We are especially interested in the activities of campuses and national groups concerning this issue.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Anne Mathers

Anne Mathers
Secretary, Oberlin YWCA

Ben Timme
has suggested
we have a special
sit-in mailing list

May 13, 1960

Mrs. Betsy D. Taylor
P. O. Drawer T-3
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Since Mr. Fleming is away from the office, I am responding to your letter of May 5.

Mr. Fleming is eagerly looking forward to participation in your Southeastern Regional Conference on June 17, and expects to have in your hands by June 1 a copy or an outline of his presentation.

However, it occurs to Mr. Fleming that the enclosed reprint of his recent article, which appeared in the New York Times Magazine, might be helpful to your discussion leaders since much of what he will talk about is contained in this article. If you find that this reprint will be useful, please let us know and we will be glad to supply as many copies as you may wish.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

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Enclosure - 1.

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May 5, 1960
P.O. Drawer T3
Greensboro, N.C.

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We are looking forward with real anticipation to having you with us at the Y.W.C.A. Southeastern Regional Conference in Blue Ridge. Your talk is scheduled for our opening assembly on Friday evening, June 17, and it will be a privilege to hear you report to us on the Changing South and its place in the world today.

May I remind you that we would like to have a copy, an outline, or a resumé of what you will say by the first of next month in order that our discussion leaders may be better prepared to work with their small groups?

Thank you for including us in your busy schedule.

Very sincerely,
Betsy B. Taylor
(Mrs. John R.)
Conference Chairman

May 20, 1960

Miss Anne Queen
Young Woman's Christian Association
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Anne:

You asked for "as many copies" but never did say as many as a hundred as we could spare or what. And so I am sending you a hundred. If you need more let me know.

Why don't you come see us sometime?

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lsc

Young Women's Christian Association
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

May 18, 1960

Mr. John Constable
Southern Region Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

Will you please send me as many copies of the Special Reports and Supplements giving chronological events and interpretations of the sit-ins. I need them as soon as possible.

Greetings to everyone and I hope you will see soon the copy of an article which Dan Pollitt of our Law School Faculty has done. I think it is good material for an SRC phamphlet.

Sincerely,

Anne

Anne Queen

AQ:cu

Myles Standish State Forest
Massachusetts
June 29, 1960

Dear Mr. Fleming,

I want to tell you again how grateful the planning committee and staff - as well as the delegates who heard you - are to you for your address at Blue Ridge. The response to what you had to say to us was most enthusiastic and laid the groundwork not only for the group discussions which followed, but for our thinking throughout the rest of the Conference. Thank you for coming to us, for your challenging words, and for what your leadership has meant and does mean to the South in these critical days.

Our family camping trip is now a week old and at this point all seven of us look decidedly uncivilized, but, as usual, we are agreed that this is "the best vacation yet!"

Very sincerely,
Betsy D. Taylor

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June 30, 1960

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

From various sources I see now and then the studies and publications of the Southern Regional Council. If it is feasible, I would be very glad to receive these, or at least the more important ones, with some regularity.

Cordially yours,

7/5/60

J. E. Sproul

J. E. Sproul
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July 18, 1960

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
23 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

You will be pleased to know that Dr. Thornton W. Merriam has accepted our offer to become the Director of the Leadership Development Project and a related member of the Southern Area Council staff. As soon as I know the exact date he will assume his duties, and other details, I will let you know.

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Cordially yours,

Carlton
Carlton O. Parker
Campus Work Secretary

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September 22, 1960

Mr. Harold Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, Room 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

This is to congratulate you and the members of your board and staff on your new quarters. I shall take the first opportunity I can for visiting you. Please extend my best wishes to your staff.

Sincerely,

Florence

Florence C. Harris
Correlator
Southern Region

FCH:c

Dear Harold - Sept. 28

Please send your latest bulletins on Sit-ins and School Desegregation to:

Mrs. John F. Wellborn, Jr.
2801 Augusta Road
Greenville
South Carolina.

Sending today M.F.

She is going to a Nat'l. Board meeting on Oct 5th and would appreciate the latest information you have. Thank you

Sincerely, Florence Harris

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October 19, 1960

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Fleming:

Just a note to remind you that you are scheduled to be the speaker at our Public Affairs Forum on Wednesday, October 26th beginning at 12:15 p.m. promptly in the Banquet Room of the Butler Street YMCA - 22 Butler Street, N.E.

The meeting starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. and for thirty minutes luncheon is served. The speaker begins his discourse at 12:45 p.m. and has from twenty to thirty minutes, this leaves the last fifteen minutes of the session for questions from the audience. The Forum suspends promptly at 1:30 p.m. We are looking forward to your being with us next Wednesday, October 26th.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary

WRC/mic

MEMBER AGENCY, METROPOLITAN ATLANTA COMMUNITY SERVICES

September 9, 1960

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary
Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, N. E
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

I am happy to accept your kind invitation to address the Hungry Club again this year. October 26th will be a convenient date for me.

It sounds as though you will have a distinguished roster of speakers, in the Hungry Club's fine tradition.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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September 7, 1960

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Fleming:

Once more we are beginning on September 28th the Hungry Club Series for 1960-61. The theme for this year's series is "The Changing South: The Re-defining of Human Relations". Our initial speakers are Rev. Edward Cahill, Mr. Eugene Patterson and probably Dr. John Letson, superintendent of Schools.

We would like to have you as a speaker for October 26th. I must apologize for being a little late this year, but a number of things have intervened.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary

WRC/mic

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October 26, 1960

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Fleming:

May I take this opportunity of expressing our grateful appreciation to you for your fine presentation at the Hungry Club on Wednesday, October 26th. Your talk and the ensuing discussion was one of the finest presentations given at the Hungry Club.

Please again know how grateful we are to you for having rendered this service.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary

WRC/mic

December 19, 1960

Miss Edna Comfort
National Board, YWCA
41 Exchange Place, S. E., Suite 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Comfort:

We are pleased to add Mrs. Welborn to our L-Report mailing list and she is being sent reports L-20 through L-22.

Under separate cover, we are sending the materials requested for Miss Harris. Please call on us at any time we can be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

MEMORANDUM December 19, 1960

TO: WF & BC

FROM: MF

WF: Please dend the following materials to Miss Florence Harris at the Y (label attached):

3 copies: Toward A Solution of the Sit-In Controversy (Price)

3 Ken Morland reports

3 Clarence H. Patrick Reports

3 Westfeldt Reports

n BC: Please add the following person to our L-Report mailing list:

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Greenville, South Carolina

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General Secretary

December 15, 1960

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Miss Harris asked me to write and request that, if possible, you add our Regional Chairman - Mrs. John F. Welborn, Jr. to your mailing list for the Southern Regional Council Reports beginning with Report L-20, dated October 25, 1960.

It can be addressed to:

Mrs. John F. Welborn, Jr.
2801 Augusta Road
Greenville, South Carolina

Also, if possible, we would like for you to send Miss Harris, Suite 201, 41 Exchange Place S.E., Atlanta, Georgia three copies each of the following which were mentioned on page 3 of Report L-20, October 25, 1960:

3 Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy, May 31, 1960 by Margaret Price.

3 Lunch Counter Desegregation in Corpus Christi, Galveston, and San Antonio, Texas, May 10, 1960 - by Kenneth Morland.

3 Lunch-Counter Desegregation in Winston-Salem, N. Carolina July 25, 1960 - Clarence H. Patrick.

3 Settling a Sit-in (Nashville, Tenn.), July, 1960 by Wallace Westfeldt.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edna Comfort

Edna Comfort, Secretary
to Florence Harris

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SOUTHERN AREA COUNCIL
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January 4th. 1961

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
#5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

At your convenience I should like to drop over and discuss plans for a week long session of the Southern Area Y.M.C.A. staff at which about one-third of the time will be devoted to consideration of the role of Y.M.C.A's in the current racial situation. Approximately thirty of the Area, Regional, and State supervisory staff will be involved.

I need your advice on leadership and content. I shall call for a brief appointment at some time convenient for you.

Yours Sincerely,

Thornton
Thornton W. Merriam, Secretary
Leadership Development Project

TWM:m

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January 16, 1961

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harold:

I was delighted to have the conversation with you on Friday. I am especially happy to have your consent to helping on the Workshop for Y.M.C.A. Field Staffs of the Southern Area and of North and South Carolina, which is planned for May 28th to June 3rd at Blue Ridge.

We certainly want you to plan to attend for as long as you can and I shall be in touch with you when I have worked out some ideas about possibility for the substance structure of the Workshop.

I spoke to Charlie Wharton concerning the limited time that you can give to the enterprise and he is quite ready to make adjustments. He also likes very much your idea concerning the preparation of some "case studies" which might be used. He felt that after the meeting in Louisville in March, we could identify some situations which might be written up and get some men to take responsibility for doing so.

I shall be in touch with you and hope that will be soon.

Yours sincerely,

Thornton m.

Thornton W. Merriam, Secretary
Leadership Development Project

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February 10, 1961

Dr. Celestine L. Smith
Consultant in Human Relations
Y. W. C. A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Dr. Smith:

Thanks for your letter concerning our report to the President, a copy of which I am enclosing.

Since the report is a rather expensive production and we have been able to prepare only a limited number of copies, we have been obliged to put a price on it of .50 per single copy, and .35 each in quantity. If, after looking it over, you feel the report is something the Student YWCA Regional Offices should have, we will be glad to make the 35 copies available at the quantity rate.

I am also enclosing a copy of the rather full news release on the report. If you would prefer a summary of this kind, we could supply copies of this without charge.

We greatly appreciate your interest and all the good work you are doing.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The New York Times of January 30, 1961, carried an announcement of the "Southern Regional Council's blueprint for Presidential action on civil rights." We understand that it is a 48-page document and are wondering whether it would be available for staff of agencies like the YWCA.

We are greatly impressed with the significance of the approach being made by the Southern Regional Council as our new administration in Washington begins its work.

Please let us know whether your report will be sent to Student YWCA regional offices now on your mailing list. If not, we would like to know the cost of 35 copies of this report.

We shall appreciate an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

Celestine L. Smith

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Consultant in Human Relations

CS/mr

February 14, 1961

Mr. H. J. Labatte
Community Services Secretary
The National Council of Young Men's Christian
Associations of Canada
15 Spadina Road
Toronto 4, Ontario

Dear Mr. Labatte:

We are sorry but the publication, "Your Community Looks at Itself," is out of print.

If we can be of service in any other manner, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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February 10, 1961.

Southern Regional Council Incorporated,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sirs:

May we obtain a copy of a publication called "Your Community Looks at Itself - A Manual for the Home Town Self Improvement"? The reason for us asking for this manual is that we are attempting to help a community look at itself here in Ontario and in using a book by Ronald L. Warren, Studying Your Community, this publication is listed in further references.

Hoping it will be possible to obtain a copy,

Yours sincerely,

H. J. Labatte
per DH

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2/17/61

HCF, (FOR YOUR INFORMATION)

35 copies of the news release on "The Federal Executive..." were sent to Dr. Celestine L. Smith (YWCA) without charge as stipulated in your ltr. to her of 2/10/61.

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Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold Fleming:

Thank you very much for your communication of February 10th, enclosing a copy of the Southern Regional Council report entitled "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights". We are glad to have the full text of the report for our office and I am hereby requesting 35 copies of the news release summarizing the report.

The news release summary will be most helpful to our staff in introducing them to the full report.

Again our thanks to you for meeting our request so promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Celestine L. Smith

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Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
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Dear Mr. Constable:

I should like to invite you to be my guest at an informal reception to be held in the Conference Room of our suite on Wednesday, March twenty-second, from four to five o'clock, to meet my new colleague, Miss Jimmie Woodward.

Jimmie, who has returned recently from two and a half years of work with the Y.W.C.A. of Malaya, now shares with me the co-executive responsibility for the work of the National Student YWCA in the Southern Region.

Please let me know if you can be with us on next Wednesday afternoon.

Cordially yours,

Rosetta E. Gardner

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National Student Secretary
Southern Region

March 24, 1961

Miss Rosetta E. Gardner
National Student Secretary
Southern Region - YWCA
Suite 301, 41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Gardner:

I am terribly embarrassed to find that I did not respond to your invitation of March 13. Please extend our best wishes to Miss Woodward, and assure her that whatever our sins, we are most anxious to be of any possible help to her as she takes up her duties as your colleague.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

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April 28, 1961

Miss Edith M. Lerrigo
General Secretary
National Board, YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Lerrigo:

I am most grateful to you and the National Board of the YWCA for your letter of April 24 with its expressionsof good wishes to me. I am equally pleased by your statement in regard to the Southern Regional Council. Many thanks.

I trust that we shall continue to have the priviledge of working with the YWCA in its many fine programs.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

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April 24, 1961

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W. - Room 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

The National board of the YWCA is delighted that you are to assume leadership as the Executive of the Southern Regional Council. We have relied heavily on the Council for material and guidance ever since its establishment. It has been of tremendous help and strength to us.

We are grateful you will be giving direction to its work. We join many across the country in appreciation to you and congratulations to the Council.

Very sincerely yours,

Edith M. Lerrigo

Edith M. Lerrigo
General Secretary

EML/bm

Memorandum

May 31, 1961

YWCA
National Board
Southern Region
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

To: John Constable
Southern Regional Council

From: Grace T. Hamilton

We will so appreciate your sending copies immediately of the SRC's special report on the Freedom Riders to the people listed on the enclosed labels. In line with our telephone conversation, these can be upon SRC envelopes and may save you a little trouble.

Thanks ever so much.

9/ mailed 6/1/61

GTH:sd

Enc.

June 5, 1961

Miss Jean Stewart, Librarian
National Board - YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Stewart:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the requested copy of the special report on "The Freedom Ride."

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of Information

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complimentary
We are writing to request a/~~promotion~~ copy of the following title:

"Special Report on Freedom Riders"

We are eager to add this to our Library collection and list it in our monthly accessions list plus any special subject bibliographies.

Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Jean Stewart

Jean Stewart
Librarian

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November 21, 1961

Mr. Thornton W. Merriam, Secretary
Leadership Development Project
National Council of the Young Men's
Christian Associations
The Southern Area Council
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Merriam:

Your notes on the changing racial climate I found very perceptive indeed. Thank you for sending them to me. I also read with interest and admiration your report on your first year's activities.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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November 16, 1961

Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

I thought you might be interested in the two sets of materials enclosed. One is a statement which I prepared on the racial climate which we are using in several workshops; the other is a report of my activities for, this, my first year in this assignment.

Yours sincerely,

Thornton W. Merriam
Thornton W. Merriam, Secretary
Leadership Development Project

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Dear Friend:

Although budget limitations make it necessary for us to mimeograph this letter to you, we hope you will consider it as a personal letter.

The enclosed folder brings to you information about the Annual Summer Conference of the Student YWCA and YMCA in the Southern Region. Although it is sponsored by these two organizations and is designed mainly for their constituencies, we feel that many other people - educators, international students and visitors in our country, and students and adults not connected with our organizations - will be interested in participating in this conference. We shall be happy to welcome you and any other persons to whom you think this invitation should go.

Our best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Rosetta E. Gardner

Rosetta E. Gardner
National Student Executive
Southern Region

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P.S. Please distribute these folders among your staff.

R.E.G.

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PURPOSE

Sponsored annually by the National Student YWCA in the Southern Region, and the Southern Area Council of the YMCA, the Conference seeks

- to deal with the historic concerns of the Student YMCA and YWCA in their contemporary setting
- to provide opportunity for intercollegiate fellowship
- to develop the skills in leadership necessary to enrich and strengthen the program of local Associations.

FOCUS

This year's Conference will place special emphasis on the perplexing and pressing problems in higher education today. Together, as students and as non-students, we will seek to clarify the issues and search for answers.

SITE

We return this year to the beautiful Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. It is 15 miles east of Asheville, at an elevation of approximately 3000 feet. Removed from the hustle of the campus and city, it is an ideal spot to concentrate on the focus of the Conference and to recreate oneself through informal fellowship and recreation.

WHO MAY COME

- delegates (student and non-student) from College and University YWCAs, YMCAs and SCAs
- College and University administrators and faculty members
- International students and visitors in our country
- Other interested persons.

CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN

GUY MEARES, JR.
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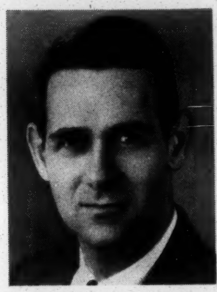
English Major, University of Kentucky

PLATFORM SPEAKER:

Fred H. Weaver



Fred H. Weaver is the Secretary of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, a position he assumed in February 1961.
He first joined the faculty of UNC in 1937 as Teaching Fellow in Economics (1937-38) and afterwards was Assistant Dean of Student Affairs (1938-41), American Vice Consul, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, (1941-42) and became Dean of UNC Student Affairs in 1946, a job in which he served until his appointment as Consolidate University Secretary.
He was born in Aberdeen, N. C. in 1915, and was educated at UNC (B.A. 1937); Harvard (M.A. 1950) and is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in history at Columbia University.
He served in the Navy in WWII for four years with the rank of Lieutenant. In 1952 he received a Carnegie Grant (Travel Grant) for Young Administrators.

He was Vice President of the Nat. Assn. of Student Personnel Administrators (1953-57), president of that body (1961), and is a member of Commissioner Organization of State Government.
His wife is Frances Angas, formerly of Princeton, N. J., and they have three children. Religious affiliation: Episcopal.

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WORSHIP LEADER:

Richard I. McKinney

Born: Live Oak, Florida. Education: A.B., Morehouse College; B.D., S.T.M., Andover Newton Theological School; Ph.D., Yale University. Additional Study: University of Chicago, Pendle Hill Graduate Center.
Present Position: Head of Department of Philosophy, Morgan State College.
Experience: 1935-41, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va. 1942-44, Dean of the School of Religion, Virginia Union University. 1944-50, President of Storer College, Harpers Ferry, W. Va. 1947-48, Visiting Lecturer in colleges of the North and East under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. 1951, to present. Head of the Department of Philosophy, Morgan State College. 1958-59, During sabbatical leave travelled in Italy and Greece and did research in Philosophy at the University of Paris, and later was visiting Scholar at Columbia University.

Publications: *Religion in Higher Education Among Negroes,* New Haven: Yale University Press, 1945. Co-author of *The Christian Way in Race Relations,* New York: Harper and Brothers, 1948.
Memberships: President of the Phi Sigma Tau National Honor Society for Philosophy; Member of the American Philosophical Association; Fellow of the National Council on Religion in Higher Education.

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WORKSHOP LEADERS

ART — Carl Wilen

Professor of Water Colors and Humanities, Clark College, Atlanta, Ga. Graduate, University of Illinois, where he did undergraduate and graduate work in Painting. 1956-58 he was an Illustrator for the U.S. Army. 1959-61 he held Teaching Assistantship at the University of Illinois. 1960 he exhibited at the 62nd Annual Exhibition of the Chicago Art Institute and at the Chicago Union League Show. 1960-61, Painted a mural for the Springfield Capitol Airport at Springfield, Ill. Has participated in a number of Central Illinois Painting Shows and has received prizes and honorable mention.

CREATIVE WRITING — Margaret Long

Born in Macon, Ga. Worked on *Macon Telegraph and News* as Reporter and Feature Writer. Worked on *Chattanooga News.* Worked on *Richmond Times Dispatch* — Reporter and Feature Writer. Free lance writer in Louisville, Kentucky. Worked for Richmond Bureau of Associated Press. Books: *Louisville Saturday*, published in 1950 by Random House; *Affair of the Heart*, published in 1953 by Random House. Also worked on *Columbus Ledger* (Ga.). Three years on *Atlanta Journal* as Editorial Writer. Southern Regional Council since July, 1961.

DRAMA — Sondra Ricks

Executive Director, University of Kentucky YWCA. B.A., McMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill. Major in Speech and Dramatics. M.A., Northwestern University, Oral Interpretation and Speech. Summer 1958, participated in National Collegiate Players Theatre Workshop which took place in France, Belgium, England and Scotland. Summer 1959, participated in Religious Drama Workshop at Boston University.

MUSIC — Edna T. Anderson

Human Relations Special Project Staff, National Student YWCA, Southwest Region. Undergraduate degree in Music Education, Texas Women's University. Master's Degree in Social Work at University of Texas. Formerly Executive Director, Austin, Texas YWCA. For many years Mrs. Anderson taught Music Education and directed Choirs and Community Choruses. She is in great demand as a leader of group singing.

HUMAN RELATIONS

Ella J. Baker

Human Relations Special Project Staff, National Student YWCA, Southern Region. Graduate of Shaw University. Formerly Staff Member, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and N.A.A.C.P. Miss Baker has had long experience in many areas of Human Relations.

Constance Curry

Director, Southern Student Human Relations Project of the United States National Student Association. Graduate of Agnes Scott College with major in History. Fulbright Scholar to France in 1955-56, where she studied at the University of Bordeaux.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS —

Leon O. Marion

Executive, World University Service, Southern Region. B.A., Occidental College, Los Angeles, Calif. M.A., Columbia University (International Relations and International Law). During his student days and since that time Mr. Marion has traveled extensively in Europe. In the summer of 1961 he was Tour Leader for the *Seminars Abroad* for the University of North Carolina.

POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY —

Howard Zinn

Director of the Non-Western Program of the Atlanta University Center, and Chairman of the Department of History and Social Science at Spelman College. Graduate of New York University. M.A. and Ph.D., Columbia University. Received Post Doctoral Fellowship for study at Harvard University in Institute of East Asian Studies. Author of "LaGuardia and Congress" published by the Cornell University Press, 1959.

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About Our Cover

We are indeed grateful to Kermit Shafer, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts at Portland State College, Portland, Oregon, for the cover painting. Mr. Shafer's medium is Sumie, a Japanese ink stick used on rice paper. The technique is one in which each stroke must be done perfectly the first time. If not, the artist must begin again.

Of the illustration done for us, Mr. Shafer says, "... the teacher is being pressed in by the walls of the institutional mind... desperately, but not logically, trying to escape from a prison that he helped to build". "Students", says Mr. Shafer "must stop waiting for knowledge to be handed to them in an 'easy to think manner' and demand of the teacher some advanced thinking".

Mr. Shafer has taught Painting and Theatre Arts at six major universities and has exhibited in New York, Kansas City, Denver and Texas. A number of his paintings will be on exhibit at our Conference.

DISCUSSION • FIRESIDES • RECREATION

COSTS

Registration Fee (post marked prior to Midnight, May 18)	$14.50
Room and Board	25.00
TOTAL	$39.50

GROUP REGISTRATIONS

For five or more delegates from one association, the registration fee will be $13.00 per delegate if post marked prior to midnight, May 18; $14.50 after this date.

LATE REGISTRATION

Registrations post marked after midnight, May 18, will be $16.00 per delegate.

REFUNDS

Registration fees will be refunded in full if cancelled before May 18. All cancellations after this date will be charged $5.00 administrative fee.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Complete registration sheet and return with registration fee. Additional information, including health blank, will be mailed upon receipt of blank and fee. Room and Board are payable upon arrival.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIME

Delegates are urged to arrive, if possible, between 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, in time to register and get settled before the evening meal. The Conference opens with dinner at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 5, and closes after lunch on Sunday, June 10.

WHAT TO BRING

Delegates should bring informal clothing—slacks, Bermuda shorts and similar casual clothing. If you wish to swim, do not forget to bring your bathing suit. In addition to this, women may want to bring one or two casual dresses. All delegates are advised to come prepared for cold evenings in the mountains, and to bring comfortable walking shoes, a rain coat, flashlight, and materials for personal meditation.

EXTRA FUNDS

Books, program materials and other resources will be available for purchase in the conference bookstore. There will be a snack shop open at convenient hours for conference use.

An offering will be taken for the World's Student Christian Federation and an opportunity will be given for each delegate to contribute to the financial support of the National Student YMCA and YWCA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION write

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41 Exchange Pl., S.E., Suite 301
Atlanta 3, Georgia

or

SOUTHERN AREA STUDENT COUNCIL YMCA
706 Standard Building
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Young Women's Christian Association

72 EDGEWOOD AVENUE, NORTHEAST ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Y.W.C.A.

Staff

May 22, 1963

TO: Great Decisions Participants and Friends

FROM: Dukie Green, YWCA Public Affairs Committee
and
Betty Harris, Staff Adviser → 'twould be fine to have you, and any of your staff join us, even occasionally

RE: Weekly Discussions advertised in our Summer Program as "Let's Talk About It"

The group meeting on Tuesday, May 21, decided to try the following plan:

1) Weekly get-together, same time and place: 11:45, YWCA

2) Assignment for May 28:

Read current issues of Life and The New Republic (be sure to read at least one; both, if possible)

3) Our discussion will have at least two points of reference:

a) the group will lift out of the two magazines whatever items seem to hold greatest interest as news;

b) we will discuss the way the news is handled by these two publications, i.e.,
... what is its slant, if any?
... does it follow a "line"?
... is it objective?
et cetera

PLEASE NOTE
The YWCA has overhead expenses which are not met by our Community Chest allotment. We have worked out this arrangement for the "Let's Talk About It" discussion group: each participant has the choice of a flat fee of $5.00, on a yearly basis, or 50¢ each time he comes.

Please extend to your friends, co-workers and acquaintances the invitation to join us on Tuesdays.

P.S.
If you want to have your "Opinion Ballots" included, please bring them Tuesday.

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August 4, 1963

Mr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, Room 201
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

I am happy to introduce Miss Ruth Lois Hill as correlator of the Southern Region National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A.

Miss Hill has had wide experience in our organization. She comes to this position from the Eastern Region where she was a member of the field staff and previously she had served in the same capacity in the Western Region. A part of her experience is work with the Y.W.C.A. of Liberia, West Africa for seven years.

Miss Florence Harris retired September first after having served tirelessly for the National Board as correlator in the Southern Region for eight years.

Miss Hill looks forward to being associated with you in the intergroup relations work in the Southern Region. As you know, our Southern Region Office is located in Atlanta, Georgia at 41 Exchange Place, Southeast - Room 201.

My best wishes to you and your agency.

Sincerely,

Edith Lerrigo
Edith Lerrigo
General Secretary

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August 30, 1963

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Leslie:

I have your letter of August 26 about your arrival in Asheville in time for the evening session with executive directors on September 18. I feel sure this is the time that they preferred your coming and am glad that you could arrange it.

I am sure there is a rental car at the Asheville airport that you could get upon arrival at 4:40 p.m. and would give you ample time to reach Lake Junaluska. I am sure they would like for you to come directly from the airport to the conference grounds in order to have some opportunity to talk with the Steering Committee in preparation for the evening and to have dinner with the group.

As I told you earlier, Hattie Droll of our staff is working with this group and will talk with you when she gets back to Atlanta the end of the first week in September.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Florence

Florence C. Harris
Correlator, Southern Region

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19 September 1963

Miss Hattie Droll
Southern Regional Office
Young Women's Christian Association
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Miss Droll:

Mr. Dunbar asked that I send you a report of his expensed to address the Southeastern Secretaries of the YWCA at Lake Junaluska on September 18.

Expenses are as follows:

$31.61 - round trip plane fare
2.70 - limousine to and from Atlanta airport
10.00 - taxi, Junaluska to Asheville

$44.31 - total

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/js

Ruth – please send report of my expenses, including travel, to Trumbull, at YWCA.

31.61	round trip plane
2.70	limousine to + from atlanta airport
10.00	taxi Junaluska to asheville
44.31	Total

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Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director
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5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
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Dear Dr. Dunbar:

We appreciate very much the good start which you gave to the Southeast Executive Directors Seminar. You presented the background and stimulus needed for the discussion of Association concerns which followed the next day. The group spoke of many implications in your talk for the work of YWCAs in the southeastern states and for ways in which Association leaders can take a more active part in their communities.

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Thank you for giving the time and thought to work with us.

Sincerely yours,

Hattie Droll

Hattie Droll
Field Staff
Community Division

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January 3, 1964

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

My dear Dr. Dunbar:

Thank you very much for agreeing to be the speaker at the Hungry Club Wednesday, January 15, 1964. As per your request I am enclosing a copy of the original letter that was sent out during the summer.

Briefly, as you know, the format is very simple. The group assembles at 12:15 p. m. and the first thirty minutes is devoted to lunch. At 1:45 p. m. the speaker begins his discourse, and usually takes from twenty-five to thirty minutes. This leaves the last fifteen minutes for questions by the audience.

We appreciate sincerely your continued cooperation with the program and we shall look forward to having you with us on Wednesday, January 15th.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane,
General Secretary

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January 13, 1964

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

My dear Dr. Dunbar:

Just a note to remind you that you are scheduled to be the speaker at our next session of the Hungry Club on Wednesday, January 15th at 12:15 p. m. I am sure you have this on your calendar since we have your confirmation, but I did want to send this short note.

We are looking forward to your being with us.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane,
General Secretary

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January 21, 1964

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Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia30303

My dear Dr. Dunbar:

Thank you very much for having been the speaker at the recent meeting of our Public Affairs Forum, commonly known as the Hungry Club.

Your presentation and delivery was exceptionally well received and much benefit was derived by those participating.

You will also be interested in knowing that we have received many telephone calls of commendation.

Thank you again for being with us.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane
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Warren R. Cochrane,
General Secretary

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Mr. Leslie Dunbar, Executive Director
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Room 201
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Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

We are delighted to know that you can be with us for dinner, Saturday, March 14, at 6:00 at the Americana Motor Hotel.

I am enclosing a part of a letter sent to our members, inviting them to participate in our consultation in Atlanta. This explains briefly the nature of our concern.

Our National Committee, representative of the five National Women's organizations, agreed it would be helpful to have an opportunity prior to our Consultation March 15 and 16 to talk informally with people like yourself who are working in the field of human relations in the South. We need your help in understanding the situation now as well as where the major tension areas are likely to be in the days ahead. We will be seeking facts and guides for ways of working in the consultation to achieve the most constructive results.

We appreciate your willingness to talk with us and we look forward to seeing you Saturday evening.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred H. Jones

Mrs. Paul McClellan Jones
Vice President

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March 12, 1964

Mrs. Archie D. Marvel
President
National Board, YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

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Dear Mrs. Marvel:

Thank you for your letter of February 20 inviting the Council to send a representative to the YWCA triennial convention in Cleveland, April 20-25.

Much as we would like to accept, I am afraid that we are not in a position to send a representative this year. We wish you every success for a great convention, and I am sure you will have one.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, Room 201
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

The Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A. will hold its triennial Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, April 20-25, 1964. It is a great pleasure to invite you to attend as a representative from an organization with which we have close cooperative relationships.

The YWCA convention is the basic legislative body of the Association, and brings together members from all over the country. We are making a special effort at this time to look at the complex problems and deep needs of persons in our community and our world in this critical moment of history and at the responsibility we have in the midst of these.

Because our two organizations share so many concerns in common we look forward to having you or your representative with us for this five-day experience. It will strengthen us greatly.

All convention sessions will be held in the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel and a lounge there has been set aside for the use of Organizational Delegates. A member of the National Board, Mrs. Everett Calhoun of Palo Alto, California, is chairing the committee responsible for the hostessing of Organizational Delegates. They wish to meet the delegates in this lounge at 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 20, for registration, a briefing session and lunch before convention opens at 2:00 p.m.

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We regret that it is not possible to include in our budget, travel and hotel expenses for your delegate but we will, of course, waive the registration fee. Information on hotel reservations and background material for the program of convention will be sent to you as soon as we hear from you.

Committee

It means a great deal to us to have delegates from other organizations with us. We wish you might come but if you cannot, we will be happy to welcome your representative. May we ask you to reply to us before March 15?

Sincerely,

Elizabeth E. Marvel
Mrs. Archie D. Marvel
President

YWCA ®

File: YWCA, Natl. Board

March 24, 1964

Miss Ruth Lois Hill
Correlator
Southern Region, YWCA
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Hill:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 17. You and your associates have taken on a big job of which you are much needed.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mmj

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March 17, 1964

Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Southern Regional Council
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

Thank you very much for taking a precious Saturday evening to talk with the members of the planning committee for the Inter-Organization Women's Committee. Having an opportunity to talk with folks like you made a very real difference to the total meeting. As the committee met with the larger group in informal conversations and in discussion groups, I heard again and again echoes of the facts and concerns shared on Saturday evening. This will continue to happen, I'm sure, as the women go back to New York with a little clearer idea of some of the factors involved in the struggle in the South.

Please give my greetings and thanks to Mrs. Dunbar. It was good of her to come, too, and we enjoyed getting to know her, even briefly.

Sincerely,

Ruth Lois Hill

Ruth Lois Hill, Correlator
Southern Region

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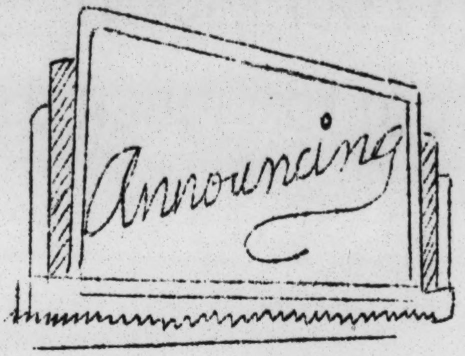

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MR. ASA T. SPAULDING

President, North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company

Durham, North Carolina

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We are especially privileged to have Mr. Spaulding as our speaker and because of his popularity wherever he appears, we expect an overflow crowd. It is, therefore, very important that you make your reservations immediately so that we may be able to make ample preparation for all who plan to attend. Kindly sign and return the enclosed card, indicating the number we may expect from your organization or business.

Reservations - $1.00 Per Person

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Please reserve your place NOW FOR THE YWCA

TIMELY TOPICS LUNCHEON -- MONDAY, MAY 18, 1964 -- 12:15 P.M.

Keep abreast of one of the Nation's most pressing problems, and of Atlanta's effort to help solve it, by hearing, in dialogue

MRS. THOMAS GIBSON and DR. PHILIP NARMORE

Co-Chairmen, Youth Training and Employment Committee

Community Council of the Atlanta Area, Inc.

They will bring us up-to-date on

..... results of the recent registration of unemployed, out-of-school youth

..... plans for follow-up as to continuing education, retraining for jobs, job placement

..... how citizens can help, as organized groups, or as individuals

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The Public Affairs Committee of the YWCA urges you to take advantage of this opportunity to become better informed on this vital subject.

Please call JA 4-3416 to make your reservation as soon as possible. The Foods Service Director needs to know by Thursday, May 14.

Luncheon fee is $1.65, which may be paid when you come.

If you receive two notices, please share with a friend.

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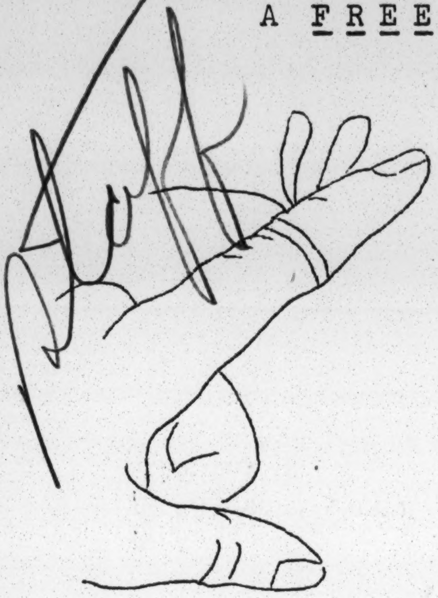

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On Tuesday, June 16, James Pilcher, Fulton County Legislator, will moderate. Representative Marion Pope, Cherokee County, and Representative Robert Flournay, Cobb County will discuss the progress made by the House on Election Code and revision of the State Constitution.

Discussion will begin at 12:15.

Cafeteria opens at 11:30. You may bring your lunch tray into the Library, 2nd floor YWCA, 72 Edgewood Ave. N.E.

Fee for non-members 50¢ per person per Tuesday.
NOTE: Watch newspapers for program announcements. No more notices will be mailed this summer.

File
YMCA - Atlanta
Butler Street Branch

August 4, 1964

Mr. Warren Cochrane
General Secretary
Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

I have your two letter of July 28; one regarding membership on the Executive Committee of the Hungry Club, and the other inviting me to speak on October 7.

I am honored to be asked to join the Executive Committee. For reasons which I cannot do anything about, it would be impossible for me to attend any Committee meeting before October. This might mean that I would miss the important planning sessions of the Committee, and that you would, therefore, want to turn to someone else. If this would not be the case, however, I shall accept membership. Please let me know what you decide, and I assure you in advance that I will understand if you need to find another person.

I am speaking in Washington on the morning of October 8, and I have hope to keep my schedule clear so that I can go up a day or so earlier to see after other matters. It would be appreciated, therefore, if you would let me off on October 7. If you wish to suggest another date, I would be very glad to accept it. I could not be at the Hungry Club on October 28 or November 18. As far as I know at present, those are the only Wednesdays this year which are out.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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TELEPHONE JAckson 4-0246
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

VJ — advise please

July 28, 1964

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

My dear Dr. Dunbar:

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hungry Club of the Butler Street YMCA, the committee recommended your name for membership with the hope that you might be willing to serve as a member of this committee.

As you know, the Hungry Club is a Public Affairs Forum that holds luncheon meetings each Wednesday from September to May.

The purpose of the Forum is to present speakers and to have a discussion period for the purpose of informing a cross section of people including a radio audience, on topics of major importance to the community, the state and the nation.

The suggested theme for the 1964-65 series is "The Responsibility of Leaders in Meeting the Challenge of the Present". This topic may need some refining which will be done within the next few weeks. It was further agreed that the 1964-65 series would address itself to five major areas of discussion in line with the theme. These are: (1) public education, (2) adult education, (3) social and economic consequences of a changing society, (4) citizenship, and (5) employment. It was the thought of the committee that the first five sessions of the series should be handled by members of the executive committee as this would then set the tone and other speakers could follow more easily. This year's series will begin on the last Wednesday in September (Sept. 30th).

We hope it will be possible for you to accept membership on the committee as we need your advice and counsel. The committee meets only four or five times a year and should present no undue burden on your time. The meeting is a dinner meeting and lasts no longer than an hour and a half.

Would you drop me a line indicating whether you might work with us for the coming year?

Sincerely yours,

Warren R Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane,
General Secretary

WRC:aw

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July 28, 1964

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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My dear Dr. Dunbar:

The Hungry Club Committee, at its last meeting, suggested as a theme for the 1964-65 series "The Responsibility of Leaders in Meeting the Challenge of the Present". This follows last year's theme which, as you will recall, was "The Responsibility of Leadership in a Time of Crisis".

In order to develop this theme it was suggested that special people be asked to take the first five meetings in the series and I am, therefore, writing to ask you if you will be available to take the second of the series on Wednesday, October 7th, also if you would take the sub-topic under the general theme which is citizenship. By this, of course, is meant the new responsibility of registering, voting with intelligence, etc.

Of course, we would like to have any reports that might be available to you and your Organization on the progress of voting and registration and of what the next steps are for improving our techniques in this area.

I am going to be away for two or three weeks and I am trying to get this set up before I leave.

I sincerely hope it will be possible for you to be with us on Wednesday, October 7th.

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane,
General Secretary

WRC:aw

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October 8, 1964

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

My dear Dr. Dunbar:

Just a note to indicate that our calendar now shows that you have agreed to be the speaker at the Hungry Club on October 21.

If this is not correct will you let us know?

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane

Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary

WRC:aw

MEMBER AGENCY, METROPOLITAN ATLANTA COMMUNITY SERVICES

Paul Williams Personal

November 4, '47

Dear Paul,

Thanks for your letters. Enclosures returned herewith.

We had the meeting of the Committee in Greenwood, S.C. Decided against easy arrangements for local groups to affiliate with SRC. Politically risky, and too cheap for the local groups to get our name, without the obligations of membership. Anyway the by-laws of the Council provide that groups similar in purpose wishing affiliation may apply to Board of Directors for it.

On the State Interracial Committees, we developed the fact that as far as money is concerned the only difference in what ~~xxCommitteexxmemberxpayxxxx~~ a person now a member of an affiliated State Committee pays his Committee and what he would pay us if his Committee became a Division is the one dollar subscription to New South. In Georgia, of 800 Committee members perhaps 500 now pay us that dollar anyway. In North Carolina, of 1000 Committee members, a couple of hundred now pay us that dollar. We can close the gap by some agreement with the Georgia Committee. That would make it possible for their members to take up Division status without new cost to themselves or to their newly-formed Division. In N.C., we would have a bigger gap, but Cy. Johnson wants to work out a plan for lump-sum subscription to New South for all his members. It may involve free mailing of it to them for some months. All in all, the committee clarified things. Cy Johnson will report for it.

Alabama formed a Division October 31. That's our fifth.

We are working on Tennessee and Louisiana.

Margaret Price is preparing the list for Bishop Waters.

We got fine play on the police issue of New South. AP release, many editorials, a radio broadcast. Businessis picking up!

We have funds to meet November 15 payrolll. After that, only borrowing is in sight, unless Dr. Will finds us a couple of thousand.

Shall be interested to hear about Luce.

See you next week!

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Once more we are in the process of making up the 1963-64 series of Public Affairs Forums which for the past seventeen years have been held at the Butler Street YMCA.

I am now writing you early to ask if you would again, or for the first time, if you have not appeared, be the speaker at one of the 1963-64 series. This particular series will begin September 25th and end May 13th with a two weeks recess during the Christmas season.

The committee has selected the theme for the 1963-64 series "The Responsibility of Leadership in a Time of Crisis". In order to definitely establish this theme we have arranged with four outstanding faculty members of Atlanta University to take the first four sessions to develop this theme and recordings will be made or copies will be kept and sent to each prospective speaker, to ask the speaker to gear his remarks to this theme, Briefly, the position of the committee, in which opinion I share, is that for the next several years the Negro must point towards responsible leadership, and by responsible leadership is simply meant that the Negro and his leaders, including white men and women of good will, must now plan creatively and sanely, and must not let irresponsible people move in and take charge. The approach here is to be positive and constructive and does not necessarily imply disparagement of any present leadership. However, because of the volitile crisis through which we are going, it is felt that the most dedicated, consecrated and unselfish leadership, that this country possesses, must assert itself, if the gains are to be made lasting, and if improvement and advance is to be made without engendering untold hostility, not only in this generation but in years to come. The theme again is, "The Responsibility of Leadership in a Time of Crisis".

This still means that a speaker has considerable latitude to say whatever he desires but always having in mind, if possible, this great need for constructive, dedicated leadership during this critical time.

Would you be kind enough to use the enclosed card to indicate whether you will be available and give us a choice of dates so that we could fit you into a schedule which is most acceptable to you? We would appreciate an early a reply as possible since we would like to have the entire schedule firmed up by September 1st.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Warren R. Cochrane,
General Secretary

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May 5, 1965

Shall I tell
Fowlkes on phone
you'll be out of
town or do
you want to?
wj

Rec'd
5/7/65

File

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

I am writing to request your presence at a much needed meeting of the Hungry Club Executive Committee Monday, May 10, at 6 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the Butler Street YMCA. This will be a dinner meeting.

The committee has not met for several months and there are several items that will require our action as we approach the close of the 1964-65 series. One item that I feel to be very important is the preparation of a questionnaire to which regular Hungry Club Attenders will be asked to respond. Such a questionnaire will allow us to plan more effectively for the 1965-66 series.

I trust that you will be able to attend this meeting. In the event your schedule does not permit you to do so please phone me at JA 4-2084. If you are going to be able to attend, please phone Mr. Stephens at the Y, JA 4-0246, as soon as possible after receipt of this note. I look forward to seeing you Monday at 6.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Fowlkes

William A. Fowlkes, Chairman
Hungry Club Executive Committee

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Recd 5/18/65

File YMCA

May 17, 1965

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

Enclosed please find a copy of the minutes of the Hungry Club Committee Meeting held Monday, May 10. Enclosed also is the evaluation form which was prepared by the Y staff and which has been circulated among persons who regularly attend the Hungry Club.

Returned 5/27/65

The Committee agreed to meet again some time during the second week in June on a date to be selected. I trust that you will be able to meet with us then.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Stephens

Charles R. Stephens,
Membership-Public Relations
Secretary

CRS/wc

Enclosure - 2

MINUTES
HUNGRY CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 10, 1965
W. A. FOWLKES, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDING

PRESENT: Messrs. Fowlkes, Bowen, Henderson, Moore, Calhoun, Arnold, Murphy, Stephens, Thomas.

ABSENT: Messrs. Dunbar, Jackson, Tate, Weaver, Young, Yungblut, Mobley, and Mrs. Scott.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Fowlkes. A discussion immediately ensued on methods of generally improving the Hungry Club. The following suggestions were made in the area of publicity and promotion:

1. Increased general publicity through mass communications media.
2. Mail weekly "bulletin board" announcements to key organizations throughout the Metropolitan Area.
3. Expand the present committee to include a telephone committee made up of interested women.

The following specific suggestion was made relating to publicity and promotion:

> Institute a patrons system for the Hungry Club on a volunteer basis. A minimum fee would be set ($5 was suggested) for which the patron would receive tickets for a specified number of meals. The patron's name would be listed on all Hungry Club Brochures.

The following suggestion was made relative to speaker resources:

> Contact colleges and community organizations for the names of speakers that they plan bringing to Atlanta during the year.

The committee agreed to allow the staff to prepare a questionnaire on the Hungry Club which would be circulated among persons who attended the programs regularly. This questionnaire would serve to augment an objective evaluation of the 1964-65 series.

The discussion was concluded by an agreement to meet again during the second week in June. The major items for discussion at this meeting would be the results of the questionnaire, a cost analysis of the Hungry Club, and the selection of a theme for the 1965-66 series.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles R. Stephens, Secretary

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NEW YORK FOUNDATION
INCORPORATED 1909
4 WEST 58TH STREET
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

May 18, 1965

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

Mr. D. John Heyman, a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees will be arriving in Atlanta from Montgomery the evening of Monday, May 25. He will be staying at the Dinkler.

At your convenience, he would like to meet with you the next day and will be in touch with your office.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Charles F. Jones

Charles F. Jones
Associate Director

Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

File
Board - Gen

May 25, 1965

Mr. Fred D. Alexander
2140 Senior Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Fred:

We missed you last week at the Development Committee. I have, therefore, to write my congratulations to you on your election to the Board of Aldermen. Fine work!

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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YMCA-gen

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Rec'd 6/9/65

June 8, 1965

Telephoned 6/9/65 mwj

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

I am writing to request your attendance at a very important meeting of the Hungry Club Executive Committee which has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, at 6 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the YMCA. Dinner will be served.

As you will recall, we decided at our last meeting to circulate evaluation sheets to persons attending the last two sessions of the Hungry Club. We also decided to have a cost analysis prepared for discussion in the meeting Tuesday. Results of both these undertakings are ready and will be discussed Tuesday.

In that it will take concerted planning to assure the success of the 1965-66 series, I am urging you to be present Tuesday so that the Hungry Club Program can benefit from your ideas.

Please phone the Membership Office of the Y not later than Monday to indicate whether or not it will be possible for you to attend.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Fowlkes

William A. Fowlkes, Chairman
Hungry Club Executive Committee

WAF/wc

file - YMCA - Gen.

BOND SEA

June 23, 1965

Mr. William A. Fowlkes
Nash-Washington Neighborhood
Center
247 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Mr. Fowlkes:

Thank you for your letter of June 18, and for reporting the results of the Hungry Club evaluation. It seems to me that raising the price of the lunch to $1.25, while breaking another old southern tradition, probably has the same justification as other tradition shattering.

I need to ask you to accept my resignation from the committee. I regret this request very much, but certain personal plans and commitments will make it impossible to give active service, and I believe that the committee should replace me with someone who will discharge his responsibilities.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:js

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Rec'd 6/21/65

June 18, 1965

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

Sorry you couldn't be with us Tuesday for the Hungry Club Committee meeting. The session was quite productive.

We spent most of our time dealing with the results of the evaluation secured from Hungry Club attenders near the close of the past season. I am enclosing a copy and would appreciate your comments. The committee voted to raise the luncheon fee from $1 to $1.25 as a means of offsetting the annual deficit (see evaluation sheet, page 3).

We still have two major items to consider prior to the opening of the 1965-66 series. These are the theme for the upcoming series, and the reorganization of the Hungry Club committee which includes the election of officers and the addition of new persons to the committee.

Would you give these items some thought before the next "call" which has been tentatively set for a date in the first week of August?

Sincerely,

W A Fowlkes

W. A. Fowlkes, Chairman
Hungry Club Committee

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RESULTS OF HUNGRY CLUB EVALUATION

1964-65 Series

1. How long have you attended Hungry Club Sessions? (60 responses).

1 - 5 yrs.	21 or 35 %	11 - 15 yrs.	9 or 15 %
6 - 10 yrs.	17 or 28.3%	16 - 20 yrs.	12 or 20 %

2. What is your average attendance each year? (Number of sessions). (57 responses)

Sessions	Responses
2 - 10	28 Or 49 %
11 - 20	9 or 15.7%
21 - up	15 or 26 %

	Percentages			
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
3. In my opinion the overall values rendered to the community by the Hungry Club are: (53 responses).	62%	38%	0	0
4. I think the physical arrangements (room arrangements, P. A. System, ventilation, etc.) are: (68 responses)	36.7	45.5	17.8	0
5. Food service at the Hungry Club is: (69 responses)	24.6	60.8	14.4	0
6. Speakers appearing in the 1964-65 series were: (66 responses)	42.4	51.5	6.1	0
7. Topics dealt with by persons appearing in the 1964-65 series were: (61 responses)	41.8	57.3	1.6	0
8. Rate the effectiveness of the average Hungry Club moderators: (67 responses)	25.3	58.2	16.4	0
9. The system now being used to publicize the Hungry Club Program is: (66 responses)	18.2	50	25.7	6.1
10. The system of having regular Hungry Club attenders phoned by the YMCA prior to each Hungry Club session is: (64 responses)	41	45.3	9.4	4.7
11. The program format and procedure is: (59 responses)	38.9	54.2	6.8	0

12. What suggestions would you make for next year concerning the following:

A. Time and place for the Hungry Club Forum
   1. Same as is - 30
   2. Change to afternoon - 1
   3. Change to evening (7 p.m.) - 2
   4. Place is excellent, time is bad for now - Professional people - 1
   5. Change to neighborhood community centers - 1
   6. Same place - brighten room up a bit
   7. From time to time use hotel or college dinning rooms.

B. Radio and T. V. Coverage
   1. Coverage is inadequate
   2. T. V. Coverage is needed
   3. Radio should carry entire message
   4. Send notices to all stations.

C. Food Service
   1. Food should be served more attractively
   2. More variety in menus is needed.
   3. Need salads
   4. Do not remove dishes while meeting is in session.

D. Publicity and Promotion
   1. Use more radio stations
   2. Use all city papers
   3. There is a need for foundation - sponsored promotion and analysis - reports of Hungry Club series.
   4. Use more direct mailing.
   5. Place more emphasis on drawing college level people.
   6. Provide for written questions to be answered by speaker during question period or by correspondence.
   7. Announce in churches

E. Reservation System
   1. Y should be more rigid about it.
   2. Sell book of tickets for entire year.
   3. Sponsors pay $5 - receive 2 tickets for specified sessions.
   4. Use place cards for those making reservations.
   5. Regular attenders should call only when they are not coming.

F. Cost of Luncheon
   1. An additional .50 would seem reasonable
   2. Shockingly nominal
   3. Just right
   4. Should remain the same

13. List topics and speakers you would like to see included in the 1965-66 series.

   1. Governor Sanders
   2. College Presidents
   3. The eight southern Governors who are confused about most community projects.

4. M. L. King, Jr.
5. Religious Leaders - Changes taking place within Denominations
6. Georgia State Department Heads - Negroes in State Government
7. Dr. Ira Reid
8. Dr. R. E. Clement
9. Adult Education
10. Manpower Development Training
11. Political Forums
12. Voter Registration and Participation
13. Whitney Young, Jr.
14. Conservative and militant topics
15. How we can reduce crime
16. International Affairs
17. Community planning - Speaker from city planning commission
18. Family Planning
19. Medical Care for The Indigent
19a. Bill Pinkston, Grady Hospital
20. Health Vital Statistics for Negroes and Whites in Georgia
    Dr. John Venable, State Health Department
21. Dr. B. E. Mays
22. Mayor Ivan Allen
23. Senator Leroy Johnson
24. President Vivian, Clark College
25. Vice President Hubert Humphrey
26. Internationalism of Nuclear Disarmament
27. Public and private education
28. The Humanities
29. Woodrow Tucker, President
30. Herbert T. Jenkins

HUNGRY CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1964-65 Series

June 15, 1965

Sessions	Income	Expence	Expence over Income
32	$1,872.50	$2,512.45	$639.95

Total 1964-65 Attendance - 1882 persons

Cost per person ($2,512.45/1882) - $1.33

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YWCA

National Student Young Women's Christian Association of the U. S. A.

600 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022
212-PLAZA 3-4700
CABLE: EMISSARIUS, N. Y.

MS - file

December 8, 1965

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul Anthony:

This is the first opportunity I have had to say how glad I am that the Southern Regional Council recognizes the quality of its own staff in choosing the successor to Leslie Dunbar. Congratulations!

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the report of the Jacksonville project. Although the results may not be spectacular in terms of numbers, I am very much gratified by the outcome. I feel that the record in numbers will be much more evident if we can do a follow-up project in the summer of '66. One thing that might strengthen the project very much for '66 is to locate a project director in Jacksonville--not the executive of the Urban League or the president of NAACP, but a concerned individual who could carry this responsibility with the aid of the Jacksonville committee that we had last year. As you probably know, the Jacksonville committee is interested in continuing and has requested that we conduct a desegregation project in '66. Of course, we would still need a YWCA staff to work with the director, but it seems that if we found a project director in the community there would be better follow-up.

I am also sending you a copy of the report of the spring voter education-registration projects and it seems to me that we would do well here also to select a director from the community and to bring these directors into a central place for training and clearance of details, understanding of the relationship of the YWCA, etc. We might be able to secure a local project director who could afterwards carry responsibility in the wards and precincts which would insure meaningful follow-up.

If you are coming to New York anytime in the near future I would like very much to talk with you about these projects and to get your suggestions on how to increase the contributions which students could make in giving a week of intensive work to voter education-registration.

Sincerely,

Ruth

Ruth C. Hughes
Consultant in Human Relations

RCH:ag

Merry Christmas to you —
Give my greetings to Vernon Jordan
and Ed Lewis when you
see them —

File
Mc - gm.

Mr. McDew was one of the outstanding leaders to come out of the Southern sit-in movement of 1960. Because of his statue he was elected to be chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. I knew him during his tenure and admired his determined, responsible, and intelligent leadership. When his term was over, he returned to school at, I believe, Brandeis University.

MJ - file

YWCA
National Student Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A.

600 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022
212-PLAZA 5-4700
CABLE: EMISSARIUS, N.Y.

March 30, 1966

Rec'd 3/31/66

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

It was good to talk with you on the phone.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter which I got off to Vernon Jordan yesterday. I sincerely hope that the Southern Regional Council will be able to help us continue this vital program.

I will be looking forward to seeing you when my schedule brings me to the South.

Hurriedly,

Ruth

Ruth C. Hughes
Consultant in Human Relations

RCH:ag

Enc. 3-29 letter to Vernon Jordan
with attachment

YWCA ®

March 29, 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordan
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

You may recall the National Student YWCA's desegregation project at which you spoke in Jacksonville last year. This was one of several projects planned and carried out by the YWCA Student Council with national staff carrying responsibility for supervision and the securing of adequate financing.

In setting up projects our approach has been to work with people in the community and under the direction of a local committee. The National Student YWCA Council has reaffirmed this principle in the Voter Education projects which they are again undertaking this spring. For the past two years, these projects have been supported by a grant from the New World Foundation. This year when we appealed to the Foundation they told us that all of their funds for Voter Education Registration had been allocated to the Southern Regional Council and suggested that we appeal to you. Before we knew this, we were well into the spring project.

We are now urgently seeking funds and I am writing to request $3500 from the Southern Regional Council to help us carry through the six projects which have been planned in this area of our mutual concern. The situation is critical and we trust that you can give this request your immediate attention.

The salary for a human relations consultant, office secretary, and related services are paid by the National Board. The National Student Council YWCA has contributed $1200. Funds to meet other costs of travel and living expenses for leadership, some scholarship aid for student participants, money to cover program materials and the miscellaneous items involved in setting up the projects must be secured from other sources.

Attached is a brief statement about the projects. I will be glad to discuss them further or to provide other information you desire. After this letter has beached you, I will telephone you which will provide an opportunity for me to answer any questions you may have and to get as quickly as possible some indication of wheaher we can count on your help.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth C. Hughes
Associate in Human Relations
College and University Division

RCH/ca
Attachment

VOTER EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION PROJECTS

Two projects have just ended - Lynchburg and Lawrenceville, Virginia. Lawrenceville, as you well know, is the Southside Virginia with only a small per cent of the Negroes registered. The registration books are open on the second and fourth Saturday. Our project was geared to the fourth Saturday preceded by a week of intensive canvassing ending with a day of helping people get to the registrar's office. The project report giving registration figures has not been received.

Twenty-five (25) guest students were the leavening agent which brought 10 - 15 St. Paul's College students to work on voter education and registration (in spite of exam week), 75 high school age youths and 12 - 15 community people. The local project director, Mr. Beverly Taylor, thought that the interest and enthusiasm in the Negro community will be effective throughout the larger and longer drive which the local voter education-registration committee has planned.

In Lynchburg the atmosphere is different. The major problem is apathy. The 24 guest students stimulated active response in voter registration from 10 - 15 Randolph-Macon College students, 16 Virginia Seminary students, five or six Lynchburg College students, four or five Sweet Briar students as well as numbers of local high school age youth and community people. In one day of the project, they had 35 teams of two to three people each canvassing. This is indicative of the leavening effect of the project.

This week we have one voter education-registration project in process and one tutorial training project. Because of the Blizzard in the Mid-west and the flu epidemic in New York, as well as our lack of funds for scholarship aid, the number of guest students in the voter education registration project is cut to 15 working in Columbia, South Carolina, one small unit in the Southern Richland Community, one in North Columbia (northern Richland County) and one in the city itself. The local committee has recuited over 50 people to work with them.

We also have students from Benedict College in the special tutorial training project at Oberlin College.

We have projects scheduled for Greenville, South Carolina; Newport News, Virginia and Jackson, Mississippi coming up in the next two weeks.

As you know, the need to get more Negroes registered in South Carolina is urgent. In Newport News, the registered Negroes are only about 39 per cent of the potential. One of the factors considered in selecting a project city is that there be a local group engaged in voter education registration so that the efforts of students in a one week period will be really helpful and not just a ripple which disappears as they leave. In Hinds, Mississippi there are still 22,000 unregistered eligible voters. This fact plus the presence of a federal registrar and a local voter education-registration organization in the Negro community with which the student group could work where the factors in determining the choice of Jackson.

We have 25 - 30 students registered for participation in each of these projects and the local committee is recruting community groups.

April 13, 1966

Mr. Franklin W. Thomas
General Secretary
Butler Street Y.M.C.A. file
22 Butler Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We have just received the very unfortunate news from the donor of the fund I discussed with you saying that as much as he appreciated the program you are doing and our recommendation of its support, that this program did not fit within the interests of the Council. I am genuinely sorry.

I am also sorry that this does not get added to Mr. Otis Cochran's work in behalf of the Butler "Y". I only wish that I had fund-raisers like that!

We will continue to try to keep the interest of your good program in mind and do whatever possible to help.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

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BUTLER STREET YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

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March 29, 1966

Mr. Paul Anthony
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

$12.00

My dear Mr. Anthony:

Mr. John Otis Cochran has shared the good news with me concerning your interest in providing 20 YMCA memberships for disadvantaged boys and we are delighted to have your assistance! Actually, this help could not come at a better time because we are faced with a challenge of finding 13,000 additional dollars between now and Thursday evening March 31, in order to reach our cash goal of $50,000 for the 1966 Membership Enrollment Campaign.

For more than seventy-two years now Butler Street YMCA has provided recreational, educational and character building services for literally hundreds of thousands of young people throughout the Metropolitan Atlanta area. Many of these persons are boys from disadvantaged families who simply cannot afford to pay a membership fee. For this reason Butler Street YMCA has consistently adhered to the policy of serving all boys regardless of their financial circumstances. During 1965 we served more than 8,000 different boys and young men, in addition to several thousand families including girls and adults. The attached folder will provide you with additional information about the current program of our agency.

It is my understanding that Mr. Cochran will see you to pick up the $240 check to cover fees for 20 boys memberships. You may be assured that membership cards will be issued to these boys as soon as the campaign closes Thursday evening of this week. In the meantime, please know that your investment in youth will reap meaningful and lasting benefits.

I hope we will have an opportunity to sit down and visit with each other in the very near future. Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Franklin W. Thomas
General Secretary

FWT:cw

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YMCA

22 Butler Street, N.E.
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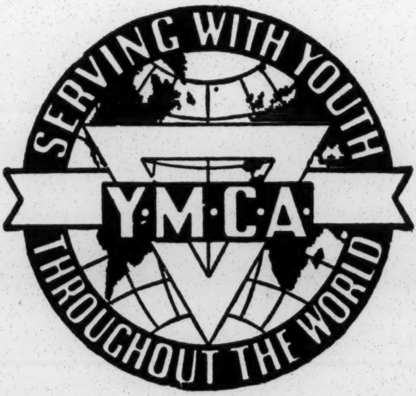
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March 2—31

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May 16, 1966

Mr. Paul Anthony
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Anthony:

I have your letter of April 13, indicating the $240.00 contribution counted towards Mr. Otis Cochran's Membership Campaign production as a pledge would not be forth coming because the prospective donor of the fund explained "that this program did not fit within the interests of the Council".

We greatly appreciate your interest in exploring this source of revenue, and we are particularly sorry that funds for the designated boys will not be available.

Thank you again for attempting to help Butler Street YMCA render much needed recreational and character-building services to boys and girls of Metropolitan Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Frank W. Thomas

Franklin W. Thomas
General Secretary

FWT:cw

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Life Fellows -
Cr. ref. YMCA
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July 1, 1966

Mr. Carlton O. Parker
National Council
Young Men's Christian Associations
1611 Candler Building
127 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Parker:

W. D.

Enclosed are names of persons to be invited to the Weatherford dinner. If you need more, let us know.

Some persons who will be attending might also like to submit letters for the bound volume.

If we can be of any additional help in this most appropriate occasions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

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(SUGGESTED NAMES FOR WEATERFORD DINNER)

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Atlanta 14, Georgia

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THE SOUTHERN AREA COUNCIL OF YMCAs

1611 CANDLER BUILDING
127 PEACHTREE STREET, N. E.

TELEPHONE 404-521-0352
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

June 24, 1966

Rec'd
6/27

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Mrs. Wilma Dykeman Stokely has suggested that you might be willing to prepare a list of Dr. W. D Weatherford's friends who should be invited to a special birthday - biography celebration on December 1, 1966.

On that date, his 91st birthday, PROPHET OF PLENTY: The First Ninety Years of W. D. Weatherford by Wilma Dykeman is to be published by the University of Tennessee Press.

I am certain Dr. Weatherford will enjoy this evening with his many friends who join him for dinner at Emory University. Those who cannot get to Atlanta will be invited to send their greetings which will be bound and presented to Dr. Weatherford.

Your help will contribute greatly toward the success of this endeavor to honor our mutual friend. Could you prepare your list with mailing addresses and get it to me by August 15?

Respectfully yours,

Carlton O. Parker

Carlton O. Parker

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Armand May
Arthur Moore

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

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W. D. Weatherford Dinner - letter from PA July 1, 1966 to Mr. Carlton Parker, YMCA, Atlanta

DATE

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BOARD - LIFE FELLOWS

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SOUTHERN AREA COUNCIL
OF THE
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1611 CANDLER BUILDING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303
404-521-0352

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YMCA, gen.

7/6/66

Mr. Paul Anthony

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Thanks so much for you list of persons to be invited to Dr. Weatherford's birthday - biography celebration. I heartily agree with your suggestion to invite those attending to write letters also.

Sincerely yours,

Carlton Parker

File
Y.M.CA

August 15, 1966

Mr. Franklin W. Thomas
General Secretary
Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you very much for your invitation to speak to the Hungry Club Forum during its 20th Anniversary. I shall be honored to do so. Since I am here in Atlanta, perhaps it would be best for you to select a date most convenient with you. This should not be difficult to work our. I note that many of the speakers you hope to get are from out-of-town, and undoubtedly you need as much flexibility as possible to coincide with their schedules.

I deeply regret that the Southern Regional Council has no funds from which it could make a grant to the Hungry Club Forum. If you are interested, I might be able to make several suggestions of where you might go seeking such assistance. Call me if you would like to discuss this.

You should know, however, that we do have modest travel funds available, and perhaps in some instances if one of your speakers from out of the city needed a travel expense and you were unable to provide it we could do so. If this situation arises, give me a call and I feel certain we can work something out. This is not the kind of support you requested, but I do hope it will be of some assistance.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

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August 1, 1966

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Anthony:

This letter comes to request your participation in the 20th Anniversary observance of the Hungry Club Forum, and to seek some assistance from the Southern Regional Council in the financing of the Anniversary project. We will have to rely upon special income for what looks like a $5,000.00 budget to carry out proposed 20th Anniversary plans. A copy of the proposed expenditures is attached to this letter.

The Butler Street YMCA Board of Directors and Hungry Club Executive Committee will observe the 20th Anniversary of the famous Hungry Club Forum during 1966-67. Extensive plans are being developed to make this an outstanding historic series by presenting star-studed speakers throughout the season with particular emphasis on persons like you who have been an important part of Atlanta's past.

Will you be good enough to suggest a preferred Wednesday noon for us to present you between October 5, 1966 and May 10, 1967, including a couple of alternate dates? This program has traditionally followed the pattern of capitalizing on outstanding personalities who happen to be coming to Atlanta in connection with other duties, but a modest budget is being provided for our Anniversary series to take care of travel and local entertainment for speakers who cannot arrange to come on their own.

In addition to the attached list of persons being invited to speak on the 1966-67 series, United States Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey is being invited to highlight a fitting climax to the 20th Anniversary year. We believe the entire series will focus attention on the significant contribution the Hungry Club has made toward inter-group relations in Atlanta, and throughout America, and contacts are underway to publish a synopsis of each talk through a national periodical.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible. We hope you can respond favorably to this request.

Yours very sincerely,

Tilman Cothran

Tilman Cothran, Chairman
20th Anniversary Committee

Franklin W. Thomas

Franklin W. Thomas
General Secretary

TC/FWT:cw

ANTICIPATED EXPENSE FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY SERIES OF THE HUNGRY CLUB FORUM - 1966-67

1.	Travel	$2,500.00
2.	Local Accommodation for Speakers	500.00
3.	Reception for Hungry Club Founders	500.00
4.	Printed Programs	1,200.00
5.	Anniversary Stationery	60.00
6.	Postage, Telephone, etc.	200.00
	Total - - -	$4,960.00

THE BUTLER STREET YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

PERSONS INVITED TO SPEAK AS PART OF THE HUNGRY CLUB 20TH ANNIVERSARY SERIES

Ivan Allen, Jr.	Mayor of Atlanta
Paul Anthony	Executive Director, Southern Regional Conference
Morris Abram	Attorney, New York City
Julian Bond	Representative-Elect, Ga. State Legislature
Wiley Branton	Assistant to U.S. Attorney General
Edward Brooks	Attorney General, State of Massachusetts
Ralph Bunche	Under Secretary General, United Nations
Lerone Bennett	Associate Editor, Johnson Publishing Co.
Leslie Dunbar	Executive Director, The Field Foundation
Harry Golden	Editor, The Carolina Israelite
William Gordon	U. S. Department of State
Miss Dorothy Height	President N. C. N. W.
Norris B. Herndon	President, Atlanta Life Insurance Co.
Boufellit Jones	Chairman of the Board, Economic Opportunity Atlanta
Leroy Johnson	Senator, Georgia State Legislature
Martin Luther King, Jr.	President, S. C. L. C.
James Mackay	U. S. Congress
John McHale	
Arthur Montgomery	President, Coca Cola Bottling Company
James Nabritt	President, Howard University
Drew Pearson	News Columnist and Commentator
Lawrence D. Reddick	Professor, Morgan State College
Ira DeA Reid	Professor, Haverford College
Rankin Smith	

PERSONS INVITED TO SPEAK AS PART OF THE HUNGRY CLUB 20TH ANNIVERSARY SERIES - Continued Page 2

Asa T. Spaulding	President, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company
Phillip Weltner	
Robert Weaver	
Samuel Z. Westerfield	Deputy Assistant, U.S. Department of State
Roy Williams	National Association For the Advancement of Colored People
Whitney M. Young	Executive Director, National Urban League

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File
YMCA-gen

December 8, 1966

MS - please call
expressing my regret

Dear Friend:

This is a special invitation to you to attend one of Butler Syreet YMCA's most interesting events of 1966--our WORLD SERVICE DINNER!

World Service is the overseas Missions program of the Y.M.C.A. It is through this project that millions of people in the underdeveloped countries of Africa, Asia, Europe and South America are helped to enjoy Y.M.C.A. program activities.

YOU are invited to be the guest of the Butler 'Y' World Service Committee for DINNER Thursday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the 'Y' Banquet Room. There will be NO CHARGE for the dinner, and our short program will feature Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Murphy telling about their recent trip around the world.

We do hope you can join us--all that is necessary is to telephone Mr. Franklin Thomas at 524-0246, and tell him you want to make a dinner reservation.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Peden

W. C. Peden, Chairman
YMCA World Service Committee

WCP:cw

File
YMCA - Gen.

December 21, 1966

Mr. Franklin Thomas
Executive Secretary
Butler Street YMCA
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Franklin:

This is to formally place before you our suggestion that the Board of the Butler Street YMCA give serious consideration to sponsoring the work of Walt Anderson in his project in juvenile delinquency, formerly financed by Economic Opportunity Atlanta.

John Boone, the director of our Crime and Penal Rehabilitation Project, has looked into this at some length and feels this to be an exciting and potentially successful work. And, we feel this ties in very well with your agency's long-time interest and work in the area of juvenile delinquency. Should your board be agreeable to this idea, SRC will offer all possible help and support. Specifically, we will be able to contribute modest financial support in the sum of $500, and would attempt to find more than that. We will be happy towwork with you and Anderson on developing a campaign for community support. Several of the major businessmen of the community have indicated strong interest in this project, and I believe properly done this might represent a particularly good source.) We will also begin immediately to explore the possibilities of other sources; local and national foundations, and several departments of special government, including the U. S. Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Justice.

John Boone and others of our staff would also be available throughout the year for any assistance you might want in developing the program.

In the long run, I believe also the Butler Street "Y" would benefit from this illustration to the community of its deep involvement in this very critical area.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

File
YMCA

March 8, 1967

Mr. Otis Cochran
The Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Otis:

This year Vernon beat you to it, and I have made my contribution to the Butler Street YMCA through him.

Wish I had waited for you since Vernon made me double last year's.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/km

W.L.CALLOWAY, PRES., W.C.PEDEN, SEC., C.R.YATES, TREAS., FRANKLIN W.THOMAS, GEN. SEC.

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1 March 67

Dear Paul,

The Butler St YMCA membership drive is on again. Wont you please contribute again this year.

Your contribution last year was $\$10^{00}$. I have enclosed a self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for any help you will give.

Best regards,

Otis Cochran

Member Agency, Metropolitan Atlanta Community Services

File
YWCA -

March 22, 1967

Miss Dorothy I. Height, Director
Office of Racial Integration
Young Women's Christian Association
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Dorothy:

Thank you for the interesting material about the shooting in Louisiana (we have made a copy of the sheriff's statement and are returning the original.) Enclosed is a copy of the New York Times story on which we based our information. The sheriff is correct on the site of the murder although, of course, the deputy was based in Bogalusa and the individual arrested as the murder suspect was a resident of Bogalusa. I am somewhat confused - and I think saddened - that there seems to be so much interest in complete accuracy regarding Bogalusa's reputation.

But if this concern spread across the board in all ways concerning Bogalusa!

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/km

Enclosure

Ref to PA

YWCA

National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A.

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NEW YORK, N.Y., 10022
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March 13, 1967

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Mr. Paul Anthony
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

I am sending you a copy of a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of our YWCA Association of Bogalusa, Louisiana, and the statement she included signed by Sheriff Crowe in support of the idea that Deputy Moore was killed at Varnado, Louisiana, and not Bogalusa, Louisiana.

We had to do a bit of searching and found that it was your material that we were using. Quite frankly, this is one of the Associations that Florence Harris and I talked with you about as having a hard time accepting our national policy in integration. There are, however, some hopeful signs, but the nature of their concern gives you an idea of about where they are in the whole scheme of things.

Whatever light you wish to spread on the situation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy I. Height, Director
Office of Racial Integration

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Encl.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASS'N

409 Plaza

Bogalusa, Louisiana

February 15, 1967

President, Young Women's Christian Ass'n. USA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 1022 (sic)

Re: Report- additional Race related deaths
in the U.S. September 1965-June 1966.
O'neal Moore (N) 6-2-65

Dear Madam:

Enclosed is a correct report regarding above incident. Inasmuch as Bogalusa, La. has had more than it's share of unfavorable publicity, we would appreciate a correction in your next publication of Race Reports.

As your information was obviously compiled from the news media, we can understand the incorrectness of your report, but in fairness to us, please correct same.

Respectfully,

/s/ Sadie Arlt
(Mrs.) Sadie Arlt
Corresponding Secretary

Enclosures

LOUISIANA DEPUTY TARGET OF SHOTS

Attack on His Home Follows Killing of Negro Lawman

6-6-65

Special to The New York Times

BOGALUSA, La., June 5—The home of a white deputy sheriff was the target of gunfire from an automobile near here last night, 48 hours after a Negro deputy from the same force was shot and killed.

Doyle Holliday, chief deputy for Washington Parish (County), who is leading the local investigation of the Negro deputy's murder, said that six small-caliber shots were fired at his three-bedroom frame house about 11 P.M. No one was injured.

One bullet lodged in a wall above a couch on which he was sitting watching television.

Mr. Holliday ran outside and fired six shots from his pistol at the fleeing car. He did not know whether he hit it.

O'Neal Moore, one of the parish's first two Negro deputies, was killed while driving through the village of Varnado seven miles north of here Wednesday night. A white man from Bogalusa has been charged with murder and state, local and Federal officers are looking for other suspects.

Governor Offers Reward

Gov. John J. McKeithen flew here today and announced a $25,000 reward for information on the murder of the sheriff's deputy.

"It may take a little time, but we are going to get them [the murderers]," he said.

Sheriff Dorman A. Crowe attributed the shooting last night to "half-witted white kids." He said that a number of junior extremist organizations had been formed as offshots of adult extremist groups in Bogalusa. The parents have been drumming hate into their children's minds, he said.

"These people actually believe in their hearts that the Communists would take over before 12 o'clock if it wasn't for them," Sheriff Crowe said.

Both the Sheriff and Mr. Holliday speculated that the latest shooting had been merely harassment.

Mr. Holliday said a caller telephoned 30 minutes after the incident and asked, "Did we get you?"

Mr. Holliday said his 14-year-old son, Douglas, answered the phone. Douglas said the voice sounded like that of a young person.

Mr. Holliday, 39 years old, was still angry this morning.

"They haven't scared anybody, if that's what they were trying to do," he said.

His wife was in the den with him when the shooting occurred. Two of their three children were at home and asleep in another part of the house.

Survivors Benefits Barred

The state Attorney General's office ruled, meanwhile, that Mr. Moore's widow and children were not eligible to receive $25,000 in state benefits under a constitutional amendment providing relief payments to survivors of slain police officers.

It was reported the day after the deputy was killed that the Moore family would get the $25,000 plus $10,000 from a double indemnity insurance policy carried by the sheriff's office.

However, the law provides the state payment only for the survivors of an officer who "suffers death as a result of physical violence while engaged in the direct apprehension of a person during the course of the performance of his duties." Mr. Moore and another Negro deputy, Creed Rogers, who was riding with him and was wound-

Dorman A. Crowe

SHERIFF AND EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR

WASHINGTON PARISH
FRANKLINTON, LOUISIANA 70438

February 14, 1967

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Oneal Moore, colored male, was serving as a Deputy Sheriff of Washington Parish, Louisiana, at the time of his death on the night of June 2, 1965.

At the time that Deputy Moore was killed, he was on regular patrol with his working partner, Deputy Creed Rogers, in their Sheriff's Dept. automobile, in the small town of Varnado, La. Deputy Moore was driving the automobile at the time that he was shot.

After the alarm was sounded and a description of the vehicle in which the wanted suspect was traveling was broadcast, one white male was arrested, later released on bond, and the investigation is being continued in the case, both by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office.

Dorman A. Crowe, Sheriff
Washington Parish
Franklinton, Louisiana

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BUTLER STREET YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

YMCA

File
YMCA

April 6, 1967

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Anthony:

This will acknowledge with grateful appreciation your recent contribution of $250.00 to the Membership Enrollment Campaign of Butler Street YMCA. Your gift qualifies you for a Century Club Honor Roll Plaque.

You will be interested to know that Butler Street YMCA served more than 12,000 different boys and young men during 1966, and that several thousand boys paid no membership fees because of the financial circumstances of their families. It is friends like you who make this kind of help possible.

Thank you for this tangible manifestation of interest in our work. We shall certainly continue to strive to merit the confidence and support of all our members and friends.

Sincerely yours,

Franklin W. Thomas
General Secretary

FWT:cw

Member Agency, Metropolitan Atlanta Community Services

File
YMCA - Gen.

May 31, 1967

Mr. Charles R. Stephens
Membership-Public Relations Secretary
Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Stephens:

The questions in your recent letter concerning the pamphlet "How Classroom Desegregation Will Work," are rather difficult to answer. We are familiar with it and with other materials prepared by Henry Garrett, and with a large number of things being published by the Patrick Henry Press in Richmond.

Certainly, distribution of such materials is a cause for concern. Over a period of years we have tried to develop a number of materials to refute such publications and shall continue to do so. What concerns me most is the indication of a systematic distribution to media people and the likelihood that considerable funds are available for such distribution. It is, of course, completely beyond our resources to match this. I am, however, of the opinion that if there is any one single professional groups that will likely see through such nonsense, it is the media people.

The booklet is enclosed, and if you should ever find it of interest to go through our small collection of like stuff, you are welcome to do so.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

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Enclosure - 1. (pamphlet)

May 23, 1967

Mr. Charles R. Stephens
Membership-Public Relations Secretary
Butler Street Young Men's Christian Assoc.
22 Butler Street, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Your letter of May 19th and the booklet "How Classroom Desegregation Will Work" have been received while Mr. Anthony is away on vacation. He returns to the office next week, and your letter will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Katharine Martin
Secretary to the Director

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

TELEPHONE 524-0246

May 19, 1967

Mr. Paul Anthony, Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Mr. Anthony:

I received the enclosed booklet in my capacity as a part-time radio newsman at Atlanta's largest radio station. Most of the newsmen on the staff received copies addressed to them personally which leads me to the conclusion that there was a fairly wide distribution made - particularly to people working in news media.

Two questions: Do you consider a pamphlet like this worth becoming alarmed about, and would it be within the realm of SRC's function to refute a report like this?

After you finish it, I'd like to have it back. I'm keeping a file on "Bigot Literature" and this piece deserves a special place in that file.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Stephens
Membership-Public
Relations Secretary

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July 20, 1967

Southern Regional Council
c/o Mr. Paul Anthony
5 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Anthony:

We are pleased to send this YMCA Century Club Plaque in recognition of your recent Membership contribution to the Butler Street Young Men's Christian Association. Please pardon us for the delay in getting the plaque to you.

Thank you again for your interest in and support of YMCA services to youth.

Cordially yours,

Franklin Thomas

Franklin W. Thomas
General Secretary

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File
Y.W.C.A - gen

October 11, 1967

Mrs. Robert W. Claytor
President
Young Women's Christian Association
National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Claytor:

Thank you for the copy of the 1966-67 Annual Report. I have read it with appreciation for, as in years past, the National Board is to be commended for its outstanding work.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

See
Y.W.CA.

November 21, 1967

Miss Eileen E. Muir
Correlator, Southern Region
Y. W. C. A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Eileen:

I, too, regret you were unable to attend our Annual Dinner. Kenneth Clark gave a very important and, I think, a profound speech. When it is reprinted, I shall see that you get a copy.

I had received a copy of your Annual Report and, in fact, wrote to Mrs. Claytor commending her on the excellent work it represents.

See you on December 8th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

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5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
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Mrs Claytor

Dear Paul:

I am sorry that I was out of town on November 2 and so unable to attend the Annual Dinner of the Southern Regional Council. I have enjoyed this very much in the past.

You may have already received a copy of the Annual Report of the National Board, YWCA, but I wanted to be sure that you did receive one. One is enclosed with this letter.

I am looking forward to hearing your talk at the Southern Regional Field Staff Conference, to be held at the Dinkler Hotel on December 8. I expect that you will soon be receiving a detailed program and a letter from Chester Jones, the new staff consultant for the National Social Welfare Assembly. He is sending out the announcements from their office. In any case, I will be in touch with you in advance of the meeting and appreciate having had you accept this responsibility.

Sincerely yours,

Eileen

Eileen E. Muir
Correlator, Southern Region

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MJ - file

March 13, 1968

Mr. William Gordon
United States Information Center
1776 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I called Paul Anthony as soon as we finished talking this afternoon, and he graciously consented to have the Southern Regional Council pick up the tab on your transportation expenses to Atlanta in connection with the March 27, Hungry Club appearance. You are to send a statement on your part of the cost directly to Mr. Anthony. We will arrange for you to stay at the 'Y' on a complimentary basis. Be certain to send us your time of arrival and departure.

We will need an up-to-date biographical sketch on you, along with a glossy print. Try to get this to us right away.

Bill, I made an attempt to reach Prince Wilson, John Middleton and the Editor in Gainsville, but they were all unavailable at the time. Since the $2½ million Campaign we are currently conducting has me so greatly tied up, I will appreciate it if you would get your office to make the necessary contacts on this. If you write to these people, send me a copy of the letter and I will still help with the follow-up.

It is good to know that you will be with us. We are all looking forward to seeing you.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Franklin W. Thomas

FWT:cd

cc: Paul Anthony
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Mr. Paul Anthoney
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5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Anthony:

If the youth of our metropolitan area could thank you personally for your generous contribution to our campaign, I am sure they could do it better than I can.

Please accept this expression of gratitude from all of us and the community for your gift.

Sincerely,

William C. Wardlaw, Jr.
Campaign Chairman

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Dictated November 15, 1968
Transcribed November 18, 1968

Mr. Paul Anthony
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5 Forsyth, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council. I enjoyed the meeting very much and was pleased to hear the report from John Wheeler. I can understand that much discussion lay back of this report.

The announcement of the Southern Interagency Conference for December 5-6 reached me yesterday. You most likely by this time have been told of my concern about the conflict with the Southern Regional Field Staff Conference of the National Assembly which is on these same dates and running with approximately the same time schedule. I am sorry I will be unable to attend the former because of previous commitment for responsibility with the latter. The agenda of both complement each other, so I truly regret the conflict.

You most likely have already a copy of these statements of "Concerned Citizens", Berea, Kentucky. Our National Board member, Miss Julia Allen, who lives in Berea, passed them on to me, so I am sending you what I have.

Sincerely yours,

Eileen

Eileen E. Muir
Correlator, Southern Region

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A PROPOSAL

FOR A 75TH ANNIVERSARY GRANT OF $75,000.00

To The

BUTLER STREET YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Submitted To The

WOODRUFF FOUNDATION

February, 1969

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Board of Directors
Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Prepared by:
Franklin W. Thomas
General Executive
Butler Street YMCA

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INTRODUCTION

In May, 1965, the Board of Directors of the Butler Street Young Men's Christian Association decided to launch a Long Range Study which would deal with re-examination of the Association's program, organizational structure and constituency, in an attempt to best determine the direction in which it wanted to move during the next twenty years as well as what facilities and resources would be required. That study resulted in the recommendation that Butler Street YMCA enter into a Development program of some two and one-half million dollars for the strengthening of program services, the expansion of building facilities and the deployment of staff adequate to provide necessary professional leadership for such an enlarged operation.

When Development program proposals were presented to the Board of Trustees of the YMCAs of Atlanta, it was discovered that combined proposals of Butler 'Y' and the Atlanta Metropolitan YMCA totalled almost nine million dollars, with better than five million dollars being identified as top priority requirements for a projected twenty-year period. The Trustee Board, at this point, decided that two and one-half million dollars represented the kind of realistic Development Fund goal Atlanta's two major YMCAs ought to pursue, and Butler Street YMCA was designated for utilization of only $800,000 -- roughly one-third of the Development Funds to be raised by the Trustees. Included in proposed Butler Street building projects was modernization of the Main Building, completion of the Westside Whitehead Branch, improvement of the Resident Camp at Lake Allatoona, and construction of two new Community Branch buildings in the Summerhill and far Northwest sections of Atlanta.

On the basis of an exploratory conference between Mr. Boisfeuillet Jones, President of the Woodruff Foundation; Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of the Butler Street YMCA Board; Mr. W. L. Calloway of the YMCA Development Committee and Mr. Franklin W. Thomas, YMCA Executive, this proposal is being submitted to the Woodruff Foundation. A temporary grant of $3,000 has been provided by the Southern Regional Council for getting the Department of Planning and Development initially operative. It is hoped that a commitment for funding this Department for a minimum of one year can be secured from the Woodruff Foundation by May 1, 1969, and that a special grant of $75,000 can be made by this Foundation to the Butler Street YMCA in recognition of Butler Street's 75th Anniversary.

I. BUTLER STREET YMCA PAST AND PRESENT

The year 1969 represents Butler Street YMCA's 75th Anniversary Year. Since its beginning in 1894, this Agency has been the "hub" of community activities. For many years this was the only place where unattached Negro males could secure housing. Butler 'Y' pioneered with the provision of relief funds to indigent welfare cases in the Negro community, and job placement and work with prison parolees has always been an integral part of its services.

Community organization services have also figured extensively into Butler Street YMCA's programming. 'Y' facilities served for several decades as headquarters for civic, social and religious group meetings, including regional and national conventions, and special arrangements were made, from time to time, for such accommodations as Negro police precinct quarters and communication between candidates for public office and the Negro community.

Leadership development has been another strong component of Butler Street YMCA program services. Top level business, professional and labor personnel have traditionally served on the 'Y' Board of Directors, and through youth leadership training Butler Street has contributed significantly to the development of such nationally recognized leaders as the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Voter Registration Project Director Vernon Jordan, NAACP President Lonnie King, Atlanta Youth Council Executive John Cox, North Carolina banker John Wheeler, Jr., and countless other businessmen, physicians, religious leaders and educators. The Hungry Club Forum, organized by Butler Street YMCA in 1945, is an outstanding example of one of this Agency's educational and leadership development projects.

The Butler Street YMCA of today represents a staff of sixteen full-time professionals, five different building centered operations, facilities and equipment valued at some one and one-half million dollars, and an annual operating budget of almost $400,000. During 1968, more than 20,000 different persons were in Butler 'Y' programs, 12,000 of them boys and young men, and over 1,000 youths and young adults were served through Butler 'Y' supervised programs of Economic Opportunity Atlanta and the Street Worker program known as the House of U. S. E. (Understanding, Stimulation and Education). Approximately 38 percent of Butler Y's operating budget is subsidized by the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Chest, and 70 percent of Butler Street's constituency comes from families with poverty-level incomes.

II. THE BUTLER STREET YMCA OF THE FUTURE

The most important challenges facing American society today are problems of urban unrest and providing services to the poor. As a black-oriented social agency, Butler Street YMCA is uniquely situated and equipped to deal with both of these challenges.

Emphasis upon relevancy and innovative approaches to services, now being stressed more than ever by private and governmental funding agencies, is but a continuing characteristic of the Butler Street 'Y.' A policy of long standing for this Agency, for example, is that of never depriving services to any youth because of inability to pay fees. Butler Street's ongoing character building and recreational program has always included home visitation, cultural enrichment and self-help work programs for youths and adults, as well as the more traditional type of teen social recreation activities, organized club activities and physical fitness programs. All of these programs are projected for continuation in the future on a larger scale, to be made possible by more adequate building facilities and personnel which will become a reality through a rapidly developing Expansion Program.

In the Fall of 1969, Butler Street's 75th Anniversary year, Butler Street YMCA will sponsor a two-day Symposium on "The Role of the Black Social Agency in the Black Community and the Community at Large," with nationally recognized social, religious and governmental leaders serving as special consultants.

A. Construction Plans:

Recommendations coming out of Butler Street YMCA's 1966 Long-Range Study and approved by the Board of Trustees of the YMCAs of Atlanta call for the following building projects to be underway or completed by 1970:*

1. Modernization of the Main Butler Street building and renovation of Adult Physical facilities ($151,000).
2. Addition of swimming pool-bath facilities and improvement of sewer system and roads at Lake Allatoona "Y' Camp ($86,000).
3. Addition of gymnasium, club and indoor recreation facilities and paved parking lot at Westside Whitehead Memorial Branch ($296,000).
4. Construction of a new Branch building near the present Perry Homes Extension in Northwest Atlanta ($135,000).
5. Replacement of the Summerhill Extension Center (now a modest cottage) in Southeast Atlanta ($135,000).

In addition, Butler Street YMCA is to assume major responsibility for supervision of planning and construction of the following projects at the Loridans - Y fifty-one acre site.**

6. 216 unit 221 D (3) low-income Housing project ($2.4 million).
7. Swimming Pool and Nursery Center - Laundry complex adjacent to new Northwest 'Y' Branch building ($200,000).
8. 46 Town Houses for middle-income families ($750,000).
9. Commercial Shopping Center ($2 million).
10. School and park site development by Atlanta Public Schools and Parks and Recreation Department ($750,000).

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* See Exhibit A in Appendix

** See Exhibit B in Appendix

B. Program Services

Program services to be provided through the above building facilities by YMCA centers have been referred to earlier in a general manner, but it will be well to look at these proposed services more specifically now, as well as to list additional services Butler Street YMCA will at least assume supervisory responsibility for through the Loridans - Y Development programs:

1. Strictly YMCA:
    a. Physical fitness programs
    b. Organized Club programs
    c. Adult Education activities
    d. Day and Resident Camping
    e. Teen-age Social Recreation
    f. Developing and performing Fine Arts Center
    g. Counseling Center

2. YMCA-Related:
    a. Day Care Center
    b. Apprenticeship Training
    c. Low-income Housing placement
    d. Job Placement
    e. Economic Development Consultation
    f. Library - Study Program

III. WHERE DOES PLANNING AND RESEARCH FIT IN?

A. Social Planning:

It is unfortunate, but true, that physical planning has received much more attention in the past than social planning. Governmental bodies, for example, have only recently included social workers and recreation supervisors in operating budgets of public housing projects, and it is still common practice for consultants in social planning to be called into the picture after budgets, layouts, etc., have been finalized for physical aspects of housing and commercial complexes, be they public or private. One of the strongest factors influencing Butler Street YMCA's decision to enter into partnership with the Loridans Foundation was the opportunity to demonstrate, through privately controlled resources, the appropriate relationship between physical and social planning.

Butler Street YMCA will be directly involved in the investment of between eight and ten million dollars in physical buildings and furnishings in connection with the Development Program now being launched. The challenge of dealing effectively with physical construction alone is enormous and worthy of a higher priority than having to be "sandwiched" in between day to day duties and responsibilities of an already over-extended YMCA administrative staff. When you add to this dimension the requirement of adequate social planning, it becomes clear that services of a full-time Director of Planning and Development are needed.

In addition, there is an almost unlimited reservoir of governmental and private foundation funds which can be tapped for the planning and implementation of innovative social agency programs, but it takes time, lots of time, to prepare proposals, make contacts, and assure the necessary inclusion of research components in the processing of proposals for special grants.

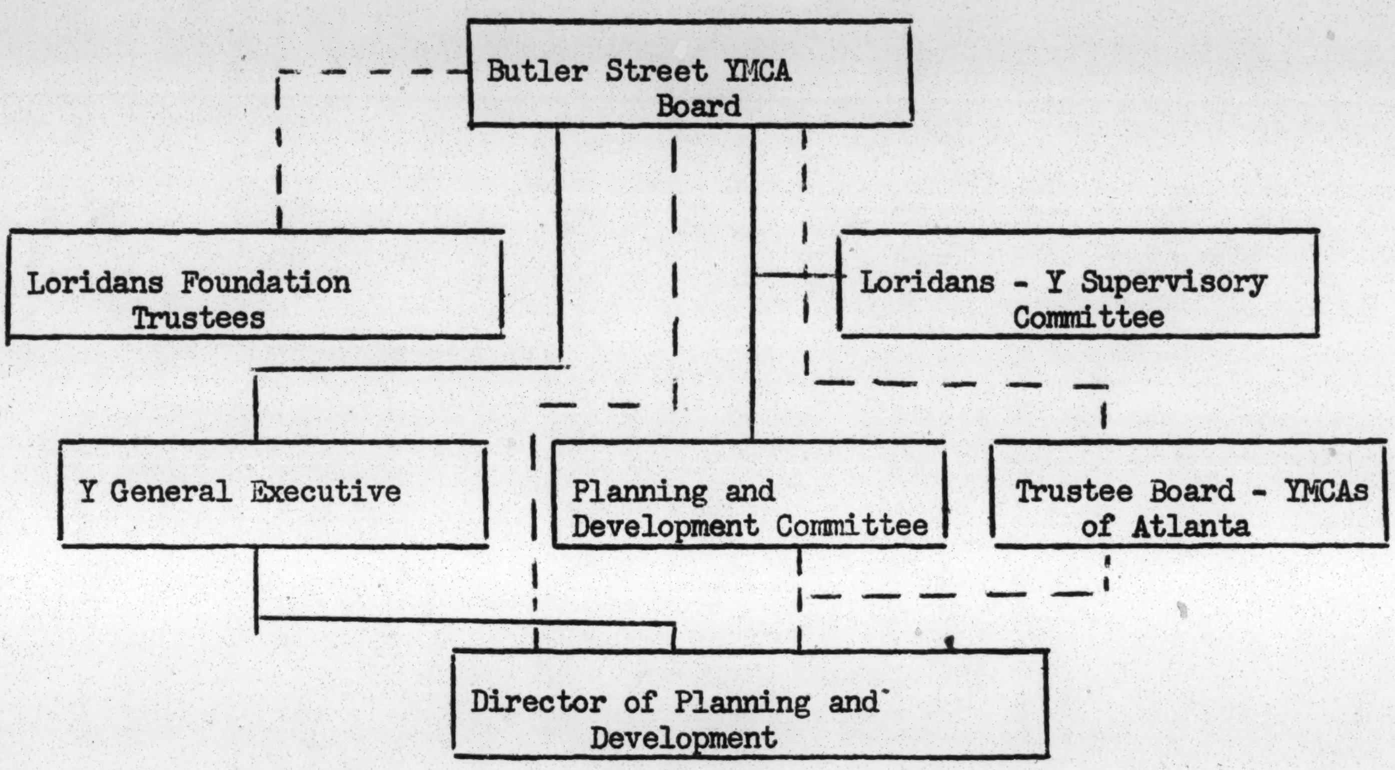
This is why it is so important that Butler Street YMCA operate a full-time office of Planning and Development. Incidentally, these specialized services, once made operative, can be effectively utilized not only by the Butler Street 'Y,' but by other autonomous YMCA bodies operating in the Metropolitan Atlanta area.

B. Why the Woodruff Foundation?

It is believed that Trustees of the Woodruff Foundation have a preference for funding Capital programs as opposed to current operating budgets. We hope this proposal will be looked upon as a one-time funding requirement which not only greatly enhances Capital fund investments (we repeat from eight to ten million dollars), but is also crucial in terms of making it possible for careful, convincing approaches to be made to other funding agencies like the Ford, Rockefeller and Fields Foundation and the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare for permanent funding of the operation of a YMCA Department of Planning and Development. Any national Foundation would necessarily be impressed by a local Foundation's commitment to help get a program which is designed to meet local needs "off the ground."

IV. OPERATION OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Proposed Organizational Structure:


Butler Street YMCA Board
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Loridans - Y Supervisory Committee
Y General Executive
Planning and Development Committee
Trustee Board - YMCAs of Atlanta
Director of Planning and Development

Title to all Butler Street YMCA properties is held by the Board of Trustees of the YMCAs of Atlanta. The Director of Planning and Development will be responsible to the General Executive of Butler Street YMCA, with accountability to the Butler Street Board of Directors through the Board Committee on Planning and Development. He will also be required to work closely with the Loridans Foundation Trustees, the Board of Trustees of the YMCAs of Atlanta, and the Loridans - Y Supervisory Committee.

It should be understood, further, that the Loridans Foundation has signed an agreement with Butler Street YMCA calling for 'Y' ownership of the 221 D (3) Housing project as soon as final closing has been effected with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Loridans Trustees, more recently, have agreed to deed the nine acres of the 51-acre site to the YMCA for its Branch building free of charge, on the condition that the 'Y' agrees to include a swimming pool in its construction plans for the YMCA Branch building.

B. Job Description for Director of Planning/Development

1. Responsible to the General Executive of Butler Street YMCA.
2. Expected to work closely with the Planning-Development Committee of the Board of Directors, the Loridans Foundation Trustees, Trustees of the YMCAs of Atlanta, and the U. S. Department of H. U. D.
3. To serve as primary staff member related to the Loridans - Y Supervisory Committee and the YMCA Northwest Citizens Advisory Committee.
4. Expected to make regular reports of his work to the General Executive, the Development Committee and the Board of Directors.
5. Responsible for coordination of building construction work between architects, contractors and other professionals engaged in connection with the Development program.
6. Responsible for initiating and following through on contacts with those interested in relating to the Development program for any reason.
7. Responsible for writing and following through on proposals to potential sources of funding for specialized programs and projects in connection with the Development Program. For example, U. S. government on apprenticeship training programs, private Foundations on fine arts programs, etc.
8. Expected to attend regular YMCA staff meetings, to represent the Association when so requested, and to serve as Chief interpreter for the Development Program.

C. Proposed Operating Budget:

Item	One Year	Additional Three Years
Director's Salary	$12,000.00	$38,100.00
Stenographer's Salary	5,200.00	16,400.00
Conferences, Professional Dues and Educational Materials	500.00	1,500.00
Local Travel	300.00	900.00
Out-of Town Travel (Consultations, etc)	1,000.00	3,000.00
Office Supplies, Postage, etc.	300.00	1,000.00
Contingencies (Community Relations, etc.)	150.00	500.00
	$19,450.00*	$61,400.00

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* Woodruff Foundation being asked for $15,000 for first year

V. REQUEST FOR PARKING LOT FUNDS

The greater portion of Butler Street YMCA's $75,000 request to the Woodruff Foundation is proposed for purchase of a 300 x 300 feet parking lot, located directly across the street from the Main 'Y' building on Butler Street. This property was put on the market in 1968, following the death of Dr. Richard C. Hackney, whose widow is now proprietor.

There is presently no place for Butler Street YMCA staff, members and guests to utilize off-street parking of their automobiles, except through commercial services located several blocks away. Through acquisition of the proposed land, Butler Street YMCA could improve this presently "rough" open land and establish a system of control which would be self-supporting out of nominal parking fees charged for use of the lot.

A grant of $60,000 is requested of the Woodruff Foundation for acquisition of this property.

CONCLUSION

The Board of Directors* of Butler Street YMCA requests a gift of $75,000 from the Woodruff Foundation as a special grant in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of Butler Street YMCA (1894-1969). This gift would be utilized as follows:

- Purchase of a 300 x 300 feet Parking Lot	$60,000.00
- First year's operation of an office of Planning and Development	15,000.00
	$75,000.00

The Parking Lot is greatly needed because there is no place for YMCA patrons to utilize off-street parking and this lot is directly across the street from the 'Y.' The office of Planning and Development is of crucial importance to effective implementation of the YMCA's $10 million Development Program now being launched in cooperation with the Trustees of the YMCAs of Atlanta and the Charles Loridans Foundation.

It is perhaps accurate to say that no YMCA in the world can boast of a more dynamic and relevant program than Butler Street YMCA, and surely the services of this Agency are directly responsible for much of Atlanta's orderly growth and progress during the past seventy-five years. The Woodruff Foundation is requested, on this basis, to help make it possible for Butler Street YMCA to continue to be an important part of Atlanta's growth and development.

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*See Exhibit C in Appendix for full Board Roster

APPENDIX

YWCA

NATIONAL BOARD
600 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY 10022

The National Board of the YWCA

cordially invites

Delegates to the National Conference on Social Welfare

Friends and members of the YWCA

to attend

A Reception

Honoring: Mrs. Maurice T. Moore
Dr. Ruby B. Pernell
Dr. Bennetta B. Washington
Miss Margaret Williamson

Monday, May 26, 1969
4:30-7:00 p.m.

YWCA Headquarters
600 Lexington Avenue
New York City

RSVP: Reply card enclosed
or Telephone: (212) 753-4700

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5/7/69
with regrets

Make file Y.P. Org.

November 27, 1968

Mr. Gerald G. Barton
United Founders Life Insurance Company
United Founders Life Tower
5900 Mosteller Drive
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

Dear Gerry:

It was a real pleasure meeting you and your colleagues and being with you on Friday. It was also, for me, a valuable experience.

Enclosed is my airlines ticket receipt. In light of your offered and planned hospitality I hardly think it appropriate for me to submit a hotel bill or incidental expenses.

You mentioned other chapters of the Young Presidents Association might be interested in programs similar to the one you had. Should that be the case, I would be more than pleased to take part or, if you wish, to offer suggestions of others who I believe could make a contribution.

Again, it was a pleasure. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj
Enclosure - 1.

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November 8, 1968

Mr. Gerald G. Barton
United Founders Life Insurance Company
United Founders Life Tower
5900 Mosteller Drive
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

Dear Mr. Barton:

Thank you for your gracious invitation. I look forward to being with you at 3:00 p.m., November 22.

Regrettably, it will be impossible for my wife to be with me.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

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GERALD G. BARTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

November 6, 1968

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

The Oklahoma Chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization has scheduled an educational meeting to begin at 3 p.m., on Friday, November 22, 1968, in the Auditorium of the First National Bank Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I understand that Dr. George Henderson, on my behalf, has extended to you an invitation to participate in this discussion, and I am pleased to learn that you have accepted. Dr. Henderson will moderate the discussion, and I am sure that he will explain the format and orientation of the meeting. The discussion meeting will adjourn at 6 p.m. for cocktails, to be followed by dinner. It is our custom to have our wives attend both the educational meeting and the social part of the meeting.

We are pleased that you can come as our guest to Oklahoma City and hope that circumstances will permit you to bring your wife. If you will let me know of your anticipated method and time of arrival for any accommodation request which you have, I will look forward to meeting you and assisting you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Gerald G. Barton
Gerald G. Barton

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November 12, 1968

Professor George Henderson
Department of Sociology
The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma 73069

Dear George:

I shall be happy to speak on the topic assigned. While I do not yet know my travel schedule, I will arrange to be in Oklahoma City by mid-day on Friday.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIOLOGY

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73069

November 8, 1968

Mr. Paul Anthony
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Once again, thank you for agreeing to be a panelist at the November 22, 1968, educational meeting of the Young Presidents' Organization. The discussion which I have been asked to chair will focus on "Black Americans: Their Aspirations and Techniques for Achieving Success." It is my hope that we can sensitize the Young Presidents to a wide range of Afro-American goals and techniques. To do this, we will discuss the following topics:

1. "Racial Integration" (Stressing the legal quest for equality). . . Paul Anthony, Southern Regional Council

2. "Racial Seperatism" (Stressing Black Nationalism) . . . Don Ross, Urban League of Tulsa

3. "Dilemmas of the Black Intellectual" (Stressing the attractions of integration and seperatism) . . . George Henderson, University of Oklahoma

Each panelist will make a twenty to thirty minute presentation. Following a brief break, we will reconvene and I will ask questions to bring out the differences in the various adjustments to being black in a white society. The panel discussion will last for approximately thirty minutes. The remaining time will be reserved for the audience to ask us questions.

In addition to your travel expenses, you will be paid an honorium of $200.00. Based upon the comments of staff members at the Center for Human Relations at O.U., I look forward to hearing your open, honest, insightful presentation. Mr. Barton assures me that the Young Presidents want us not only to tell it like it is but also how we think it should be.

Please send me a copy of your autobiographical statement. Finally, I would like to meet with you at 2:45 p.m. prior to the beginning of the program.

Sincerely,

George Henderson

George Henderson
Associate Professor of
Sociology and Education

GH/sp

cc: Mr. Gerald Barton

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GERALD G. BARTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

December 27, 1968

Mr. Paul Anthony
Executive Director
Southern Regional Conference, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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Dear Mr. Anthony:

Thank you for your letter of November 27, 1968. We appreciated having you on our YPO program.

Young Presidants Org.

When good fortune brings you again to the Land of the Red Man, I hope that you will come visit me.

Sincerely,

Jerry

Gerald G. Barton

GGB:ls
Enclosure (check)

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Ret MMJ

Make file
Youth Educational Serv. Inc.

March 24, 1967

Mr. Mike Lawler
Youth Educational Services, Inc.
P. O. Box 1168
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mike:

Thanks for the copy of the proposal. I still haven't read it, but in browsing it looks good.

It has been far too long. Why don't you schedule a visit to Atlanta soon?

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/km

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.
P. O. BOX 1168 • 107½ E. PARRISH STREET • DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA • AC 919 688-1085

Dear Paul -

Just off the Y.E.S. press. Any ideas or reactions greatly appreciated -

We have really lost touch - I saw Bill Roberts Sunday - trying to keep up with what the Project is doing -

Can we ever get together. We have a rural education program that I want to plug in with you on -

Say - thanks - for the S.R.C. book - the neighborhood libraries are doing well in most places.

Say "hi" to Connie and Al Elmer.

Mike Lawler

A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO PROJECT UPWARD BOUND BY YOUTH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UPWARD BOUND GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM IN NORTH CAROLINA

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
107½ PARRISH STREET
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 1, 1967
PROPOSAL DRAFTED BY KENNETH KASTLEMAN

UPWARD BOUND GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM

ABSTRACT

OBJECTIVES: To provide, for two hundred fifty Upward Bound seniors in North Carolina, an opportunity to visit post-secondary institutions in the state, to provide individualized guidance and counseling for all Upward Bound seniors and juniors in North Carolina, and to provide Upward Bound students, Upward Bound staff, public school guidance counselors, and Youth Educational Service guidance tutors with information relevant to admission and aid at post-secondary institutions.

PROGRAM: Through utilization of twenty campus-based Y.E.S. tutorial groups in North Carolina, through the establishment of groups of campus coordinators and guidance tutors, and through use of present information gathering facilities, Y.E.S. will arrange visits for, counsel and distribute information to Upward Bound students.

BASIC NEEDS: The program will rest upon the services of thirty-seven campus coordinators, fifty-five guidance tutors, two staff coordinators and secretarial assistance. Both human and material resources will be immediately directed toward individualized guidance and counseling assistance for each Upward Bound student.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this coming summer, it is hoped that two hundred fifty Upward Bound students in North Carolina who are rising seniors will be directing themselves toward post-secondary education. Whether the students do assume this direction rests upon three primary factors: (1) The students must be motivated to desire post-secondary education, (2) They must find themselves capable and comfortable with representative post-secondary studies and (3) They must have information and counseling about post-secondary opportunities.

The subject of this proposal is the third of the above factors, i.e. informing and counseling Upward Bound students about post-secondary opportunities. While informing and counseling the students is perhaps the least difficult factors with which to deal, it is, at the same time, the most taxing on the resources of individual Upward Bound projects. It would be a considerable burden on individual projects to collect the great amount of information necessary to adequately inform each Upward Bound student. It would be equally burdening on individual projects to thoroughly counsel each student and to provide sufficient academic year follow-up to insure post-secondary placement for each student.

For these reasons it is likely that informing and counseling students would, in most cases, be left to high school guidance counselors.

Although it is not unreasonable to leave high school guidance counselors with the task of helping Upward Bound students, there exists the same problem for these counselors as exists for individual Upward Bound projects, i.e. a lack of time and human resources. Few schools are equipped to thoroughly counsel each student in the school. Furthermore, the disadvantaged student is often the last to receive thorough counseling about post-secondary opportunities.

The principal purpose of this proposal is to suggest additional resources to inform and counsel Upward Bound students in North Carolina. The resource organization would be Youth Educational Services, a non-profit, state-wide, student tutorial organization in North Carolina. Y.E.S. serves tutorial groups on more than twenty college and junior college campuses in the state. Tutorial materials are produced and disseminated to campus tutoring projects in the state from a central office in Durham, North Carolina; and on several campuses there is already a substantial amount of guidance and counseling work being done by college students.

The purpose of a Y.E.S. guidance and counseling program would be:

1. To allow each Upward Bound senior to choose any three of thirty-eight post-secondary schools in

North Carolina to visit for a weekend in the Fall of 1967.

2. To enable each Upward Bound senior to talk with admissions and aid officials at post-secondary schools which the student visits, and to allow admissions officials to talk with Upward Bound students, in person.
3. To provide, for each Upward Bound senior, a contact at post-secondary institutions who would advise the Upward Bounder about his application to the school and who would provide help for the Upward Bounder if he were to enter that institution the following year.
4. To provide individual counseling assistance for all seniors and juniors in Upward Bound programs.
5. To collect and distribute information concerning post-secondary education to Upward Bound students, Upward Bound staffs, high school guidance counselors and college "guidance tutors".

The essence of the program lies in providing counseling assistance for each Upward Bound senior (and, later, Upward Bound junior) from the time he begins thinking about post-secondary schools

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to the time he is accepted at a post-secondary institution. Weekend visits to the schools are the tool through which the student and the post-secondary school can best become acquainted, each with the other. The program would provide frequent and personalized counseling for all Upward Bound seniors and juniors so that the student would best be able to choose appropriate post-secondary schools and best be able to evaluate the offerings of the school. Admission and scholarship information would be constantly available to each student.

The basis for this program was largely drawn from a meeting of admissions and aid officials from North Carolina colleges and Upward Bound officials from three current North Carolina projects. (See Appendix A) At that meeting a need for a counseling liaison between Upward Bound and post-secondary institutions was suggested. In an attempt to provide this counseling liaison, Y.E.S. is presenting this proposal.

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THE PROGRAM

The proposed program would include four basic components: (1) Weekend visits to post-secondary institutions by Upward Bound seniors, (2) Academic year counseling for Upward Bound seniors, (3) Collection and distribution of information about post-secondary educational opportunities, and (4) Counseling for Upward Bound juniors.

1. Weekend visits to post-secondary institutions by Upward Bound seniors.

Beginning in October, 1967 all Upward Bound seniors who wish to visit any three of thirty-eight North Carolina post-secondary institutions would have the opportunity to do so. During the months of October, November, December, January and February these Upward Bounders would have a chance to travel (travel, meals and room would be supplied under this grant) to appropriate schools, be housed with a student at the school and stay for a weekend.* Included in the stay would be visits to classes, meals in the school dining halls, tours of the campus, talks with admissions and aid officials, advice about completing an application, and talks with students and teachers at the school. At the end of the weekend, the Upward Bound student would be encouraged to continue his contact with the school by writing either the student with whom he stayed or the admissions officials with whom he talked.

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*Where post-secondary institutions do not have in-residence students, the Upward Bound senior will stay for only one day of the weekend.

Thirty-eight North Carolina post-secondary institutions will be made available for visits by Upward Bound seniors. These institutions represent a cross-section of post-secondary schools:

a. Four-year colleges and universities:

T/C University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

T/C University of North Carolina, Greensboro

T/C Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro

T/C Bennett College, Greensboro

T/C Guilford College, Greensboro

T/C Duke University, Durham

T/C North Carolina College, Durham

T/C North Carolina State University, Raleigh

C Winston-Salem State Teachers College, Winston-Salem

C Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem

T/C Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone

T/C Elizabeth City State College, Elizabeth City

C North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount

T/C Shaw University, Raleigh

T/C Barber-Scotia College, Concord

T/C Davidson College, Davidson

T/C Johnson C. Smith College, Charlotte

T/C St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Louisburg

T/C Methodist College, Fayetteville

T/C Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville

b. Two-year colleges and community colleges:

T/C Ashville-Biltmore College, Ashville

T/C Brevard College, Brevard

T/C Lees McRae College, Banner Elk

T/C Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa

C Wilmington College, Wilmington

c. Vocational and technical schools:

C Durham Technical Institute, Durham

C Ashville-Buncombe Technical Institute, Ashville

Technical Institue of Alamance, Burlington

C University of North Carolina School of Medical Technology, Chapel Hill

C Duke University School of Nursing, Durham

City Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Winston-Salem

C University of North Carolina School of Nursing, Greensboro

C Durham Business College

Kings Business College, Greensboro

C University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Library Science

National School of Heavy Equipment Operation, Charlotte

Automation Institute of Raleigh

Youth Educational Services has had substantial contact with thirty of the above schools (C), and twenty-one of the above schools presently have active tutorial projects serviced and sponsored by Y.E.S. (T).

Upward Bound seniors would be transported to these schools by commercial bus lines. Bus transportation is available to points very near each of the schools. From the nearest bus station, transportation would be provided to the school by the "campus coordinator."

Campus coordinators would be chosen for each of the thirty-seven schools listed above. The campus coordinator would have three basic responsibilities: (1) He would be responsible for arranging sleeping and eating accommodations for the Upward Bound students, (2) He would be responsible for arranging meetings between the Upward Bound student and admissions and aid officials and (3) He would be responsible for seeing that Upward Bounders were transported from and to the nearest bus station upon their arrival and departure.

All thirty-seven schools would, therefore, be made fully accessible to Upward Bound seniors, and the Upward Bounders would be fully accommodated at the schools they chose to visit. But if the students are to make the best use of the opportunity to visit schools, it is necessary to enable them to make an informed judgement as to which three schools to visit; it is also necessary to enable the students to interpret and act upon the information which was gathered during the visits. For these reasons, some effort must be made to assist the students during the academic year.

2. Academic year counseling for Upward Bound seniors.

The academic year counseling program would be a continuation and expansion of guidance efforts begun during the previous summer. Beginning in September, 1967 weekly sessions would be held with a "guidance tutor" and three to five Upward Bound students. At the sessions, specific post-secondary schools would be discussed and scholarship information would be presented. Following the group sessions, each Upward Bounder would meet with his guidance tutor and talk about specific schools in which the student was interested. Later, the student would discuss the schools he visits with his tutor; tutor and tutee would then make an attempt to evaluate the offerings of the school in relation to the Upward Bounders interests and needs. Upward Bound students who were considering two-year or four-year colleges would receive assistance in preparing for the Scholastic Aptitude Test and appropriate achievement tests.

The primary responsibilities of the guidance tutor would be to stimulate each student to think about post-secondary education; the guidance tutor would also assist the student to plan his academic future and gain acceptance at a post-secondary institution.

In order to effectively counsel the Upward Bound students, guidance tutors would attend a two-day conference in early September, 1967, at which time there would be a substantial presentation of counseling information and active discussion of that information. In addition to this conference, guidance tutors would receive recommendations and evaluations from summer session tutors and teachers concerning their students. Guidance tutors would also meet with public school guidance counselors to discuss their tutees. This information, together with the Upward Bound student's own considerations about his post-secondary education, would provide an ample foundation upon which to begin counseling the student. Where a guidance tutor encountered particular difficulty in assisting a student, additional help would be available from a professional counseling consultant. The guidance tutor would send all possible information to the consultant and an assessment would be made concerning the student.

Upward Bound students applying to four-year or two-year colleges would be given special assistance with the S.A.T. While it is recognized that this examination cannot be actively prepared for, guidance tutors would be able to build the student's confidence so that he could do his best on the exam. The guidance tutor would merely help the student to make the S.A.T. an accurate indication of ability.

The guidance tutor's role, then, would be to encourage the Upward Bound student to think about and take action on plans for post-secondary education. In order to enable the student and tutor, together, to make an intelligent choice, it would be important that both have constant access to a wide spectrum of counseling, admissions, and scholarship information. For this reason, the third facet of this program--collection and distribution of information--would be necessary.

3. Collection and distribution of information about post-secondary educational opportunities.

During the summer months, admissions and scholarship information concerning North Carolina and National post-secondary institutions would be collected. This information would include:

American College Counselor and Guidance
College Aid Handbook
Career Planning
College Bound, Planning for College and Career
College Opportunities for Southern Negro Students
Complete Planning for College
Dictionary of Occupational Titles
Do You Want To Go To College?
Financial Aid for College Students
A Handbook (of Counseling Information)
Health Careers in the Appalachian South
If You Are Not Going To College
An Investment in America's Unemployable Youth
Lovejoy's Complete Guide to American Colleges and Universities
Nursing Student Loan Program
Occupational Outlook Handbook
Student Financial Aid in Higher Education

A library of catalogues from post-secondary institutions would be kept in the Y.E.S. central office for reference purposes.

Distribution of information would begin during the summer. At Upward Bound "Post-Secondary Education" programs (the Y.E.S. counseling staff would plan such programs where Upward Bound projects desired) certain of the above information would be distributed, explained, and discussed. By the end of the summer, complete lists of guidance material available from the Y.E.S. office would be sent to Upward Bound students, Upward Bound staffs, public school guidance counselors and guidance tutors. Copies of this information would be available, at all times, to these persons.

During the summer, Upward Bound students would be encouraged to discuss post-secondary plans with tutors and teachers. Where specific information was desired, the Y.E.S. guidance staff would obtain the information.

Collection and distribution of information would be carried out in close connection with the Scholarship Information Center at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. S.I.C. is currently hoping to complete a booklet, similar to their _College Opportunities for Southern Negro Students_, which would deal with vocational and career opportunities in North Carolina. The Y.E.S. counseling staff would assist, in any way possible, S.I.C.'s effort to produce this career booklet.

4. Counseling for Upward Bound Juniors.

The guidance tutor would be responsible for seeing that each of his Upward Bound seniors was successfully placed in a satisfactory post-secondary institution. As soon as the guidance tutor accomplished this aim, he would begin counseling juniors enrolled in Upward Bound programs.

The guidance tutor would encourage Upward Bound juniors to begin thinking about post-secondary education. Although campus visits would not be provided for Upward Bound juniors (except in cases where early admissions was very likely), information concerning specific schools would be presented and discussed in the same manner as with the Upward Bound seniors.

Information about the Upward Bound juniors would be collected from Upward Bound projects. Where a student showed considerable promise for college level work, an attempt would be made to achieve early admissions for him. These students would be given assistance in preparing for the S.A.T. in the form described above for Upward Bound seniors.

The purpose of the Upward Bound junior counseling program would be to encourage the juniors to think about post-secondary education in advance of summer Upward Bound sessions. In this way, Upward Bound juniors would receive early preparation for their decisions about post-secondary schooling.

EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP STUDY

In June of 1968 an evaluation would be completed by the Y.E.S. counseling staff describing the activities of the 1967-1968 year, appraising the success of the project and recommending a plan for future action. The evaluation would include supporting statistical data and would be patterned along the following lines:

A. School visits: Value to Upward Bound students; comments and reactions of post-secondary school officials and Upward Bound officials; recommendation for 1968-1969 seniors.

B. Guidance tutoring: Number of seniors placed in preferred post-secondary schools; comments and reactions of Upward Bound students and staffs; effectiveness in counseling juniors; recommendations and criticisms.

C. Information collection and distribution: Value to Upward Bound students, staff, public school guidance counselors and guidance tutors; recommendations.

D. Evaluation by Supervisory Committee: Relations with Upward Bound staff and public schools; criticisms and recommendations for future action.

An important part of this evaluation would be the comments by post-secondary school officials. If, at the time of the evaluation, these officials felt it valuable to undertake a follow-up study on the enrolled Upward Bound students, additional funds would be requested for this undertaking.

A follow-up study on the progress of Upward Bounders in post-secondary schools would serve several purposes: (1) It would provide a means of bringing forth the most valuable approaches to teaching Upward Bound students, (2) It would encourage post-secondary institutions to attempt these new approaches, (3) It would encourage post-secondary institutions to take special note of the progress of Upward Bound students and (4) It would provide valuable information concerning successful placement of Upward Bound students. (While the follow-up study would be of great value, funds for this study will not be included as a part of this proposal. This proposal, however, attempts to lay the foundation for the research.)

SUPERVISION, SELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL

A Supervisory Committee consisting of three Upward Bound directors, a college admissions or aid official, a high school guidance counselor, the director of Youth Educational Services and the two members of the Y.E.S. guidance staff would be responsible for overseeing the total program. This committee (excluding the Y.E.S. guidance staff) would be established in May, 1967 and would approve the Y.E.S. coordinators to be added to the Committee in June and September. The Supervisory Committee would hold monthly meetings and would oversee and suggest the form for components of the program; the Committee would deal with the September conference, selection of campus coordinators, selection and program for guidance tutors, etc. All personnel would need to be approved by the Committee.

Two coordinators would be responsible for carrying out the program. The first of these coordinators, to be selected by June, 1967 would be the Coordinator of Campus Visits. His function would be to begin collection and distribution of information, plan post-secondary opportunity programs for Upward Bound projects (when asked to do so), identify campus coordinators for each of the thirty-eight schools, arrange a working schedule for campus visits by Upward Bound seniors, and see that seniors are enabled to visit those three schools which they choose to visit. In March, the Coordinator of Campus Visits would begin work on the elevation to be submitted in June.

The second of the coordinators, Coordinator of Guidance Tutoring, would be responsible for planning the conference in September, identifying fifty-five guidance tutors, seeing that tutoring sessions were held weekly, developing the content of the tutoring sessions, and distributing necessary information. The Coordinator of Guidance Tutoring would also be responsible for seeing that Upward Bound juniors receive guidance tutoring as soon as this was possible to do so. The Coordinator of Guidance Tutoring would be selected by September, 1967. Preference would be given to applicants with previous guidance and counseling experience.

One secretarial assistant would be employed to aid the staff coordinators.

Thirty-eight campus coordinators would be identified by the Coordinator of Campus Visits and approved by the Supervisory Committee. These coordinators would be chosen on the basis of financial need, amount of time in a tutorial activity at their school and scholastic standing at their school. Where possible, these coordinators would be former Upward Bound tutors.

Fifty-five guidance tutors would be identified by the Coordinator of Campus Visits and the Coordinator of Guidance Tutoring and approved by the Supervisory Committee. These tutors would be chosen on the basis of previous tutoring experience (preferably with Upward Bound), financial need, and scholastic standing at their school. Upward Bound teachers and tutors would receive highest priority.

Youth Educational Services would provide office space and a place for the reference library. Zerox and mimeograph facilities would be made available.

UPWARD BOUND GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM

BUDGET

Duration of Activity--12 months
Beginning June 1, 1967 Ending
May 31, 1968

Category	Federal Funds Requested	Proposer Contribution
I. DIRECT COSTS		
A. Personnel		
a. Coordinator of Campus Visits (June, 1967 through May, 1968)	$ 6,000	
b. Coordinator of Guidance Tutoring (September 1967 to May 1968 -- $500 per month)	4,500	
c. Secretary (June, 1967 through May, 1968)	4,800	
d. Campus Coordinators (38 @ $20 per month for 5 months)	3,800	
e. Guidance Tutors [1] (55 @ $20 per month for nine months)	5,500	
f. Consultants 1. For September conference (2 consultants @ $30 per day for 2 days)	120	
2. Professional [2] guidance consultant (170 hours @$4 per hour)	680	

Category	Federal Funds Requested	Proposer Contribution
B. Travel		
a. Coordinator of Campus Visits (12 months @ 2,000 miles per month @ $.08 per mile)	$ 1,920	
b. Coordinator of Guidance Counseling (9 months @ 2,000 miles per month @ $.08 per mile)	1,440	
c. Upward Bound Seniors[3] (247 seniors @ $25 per senior)	6,175	
d. Consultants[4] for September con ference (2 consultants @ $70)	140	
C. Consumable Supplies		
a. Counseling, college and scholarship information (includes books, pamphlets, S.A.T. study guides, etc.)	3,000	
b. Office Supplies (postage, stationery etc.)	2,000	
D. Other direct costs		
a. Telephone	1,000	
b. Meals on campus for Upward Bound seniors. ($6 per visit @ 3 visits @247 seniors)	4,446	
c. Room costs for Upward Bound seniors ($2 per visit @ 3 visits @ 247 seniors)	1,482	

Category	Federal Funds Requested	Proposer Contribution
E. In kind contribution[5] (college hosts of Upward Bound students)		$ 7,410
F. Subtotal, Direct Costs	$47,003	7,410
II. INDIRECT COSTS[6] Overhead 20%	9,400	
III. TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTED	56,403	
IV. TOTAL PROPOSER CONTRIBUTION		$ 7,410

1. The number of guidance tutors was computed from estimated number of Upward Bound seniors. Two hundred forty-seven seniors with one guidance tutor for every five seniors yields approximately fifty guidance tutors. A margin of five tutors was included where groups of Upward Bound students needed to be less than five.

2. The professional guidance consultant would be a person with professional training in high school guidance counseling. This person is mentioned in part 2 of the program, "Academic year counseling for Upward Bound Seniors."

3. The number of Upward Bound seniors was estimated from the current number of juniors in North Carolina Upward Bound projects: Chapel Hill - 109, Greensboro - 94, Winston-Salem - 44. Total estimated seniors - 247. Average cost of bus transportation for three campus visits, $25.

4. Out of state consultant travel estimated at $70 per consultant for two counseling consultants.

5. In kind contribution includes time spent with Upward Bound seniors by their college hosts. It was estimated that college hosts would spend a minimum of five hours with the student during the weekend. Thus five hours x three weekend visits x 247 seniors x $2.00 per hour equals $7,410.

6. Indirect costs include space costs and rental, office furnishings, rental of duplicating equipment, etc.

APPENDIX A

Memorandum

TO: Participants in the discussion concerning college entrance for Upward Bound students

FROM: Ken Kastleman

RE: Summary of and comments on discussion

DATE: 3 February 1967

I would first like to thank you very much for taking time to be a part of the meeting on the 24th of January. Your comments and suggestions were truly valuable and were greatly appreciated. I am confident that our discussion will serve as the beginning of a valuable liaison between Upward Bound and college admissions and aid.

Although the meeting, itself, provided a liaison between Upward Bound and college admissions and aid, the aim of the discussion was to explore more substantial ways in which a joint effort could take place. The subject of the joint effort was the Upward Bound student; and it was the student which brought the meeting to its first focus.

A good deal of time was devoted to a description of the Upward Bounder. It was noted that several criteria governed selection of these students: (1) adademic underachievement, (2) low family income, (3) potential for "post-secondary" education, and (4) indications that the student could ordinarily have great difficulty in securing post-secondary education. From these criteria of selection it became clear that current Upward Bound students face many difficulties in competition for college. Characteristic of this year's Upward Bound seniors was a low combined SAT score (the bulk of the scores for the Winston-Salem group fell between 700 and 900), generally low levels of competence in several academic areas, considerable need for financial aid, and lack of detailed information about post-secondary education.

Following this description of the Upward Bound student, the second focus of the discussion emerged. This focus involved the position of the college in relation to Upward Bound students. Several points were made:

(1) There is great variety in the student

population of Upward Bound; students need to be made aware, therefore, the variety of schools and colleges available to them.

(2) The students have need of considerable financial assistance which would necessitate the choice of colleges with sufficient funds to provide large scholarships and loans.

(3) The students are largely risk" students and colleges would have to be willing to take such students

(4) There would tend to be great competition among colleges for the best Upward Bound students, and the poorest students would tend to be neglected. Although it was noted that at least two colleges represented at the meeting were making special efforts to compensate for Upward Bound-type students, participants seemed to doubt that the majority of colleges would significantly adopt admissions policies to Upward Bound students.

Having delt with the problems of student and college it remained to suggest ways in which both problems might be lessened. Again there were a veriety of suggestions:

(1) more thorough distribution of information about college entrance requirements -- it was suggested that college people talk to Upward Bound directors in specific terms about admissions and aid policies, and that college representatives discuss their college with Upward Bound students during the summer,

(2) more contact between Upward Bound students and admissions officials at particular colleges,

(3) more thorough counselling of Upward Bound students about post-secondary education and more complete descriptions of students in college applications.

(4) special consideration of Upward Bound students by officials -- possible early admissions procedures for Upward Bounders.

(5) special programs for Upward Bound students after admission to college.

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A Confidential Letter to Communications, Business and Educational Executives Engaged in Dealing with Youth

YOUTH REPORT

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Samuel Grafton, editor

Edith K. Grafton, publisher

New York. June, 1967

Dear Sir:

THE DISCOUNTS-FOR-YOUTH AREA. More than one business is finding it promising and profitable to cut prices in order to win youthful trade. Latest is banking. Robert L. Sievers, advertising director of Detroit's big City National Bank (29 offices) says: "It is apparent that something has to be done. With the number of people between 19 and 29 going to double in the next ten years, we need a better approach." The bank is going all out to wave young customers in at the door.

Get Them Now, Keep Them Later: City National has signed up for a plan, originated by Central National Bank of Chicago, under which young people get special treatment, with the idea of winning them as customers in their later years. Bank offers "The Young Detroiters Club", staffed by young people; members pay $2.50 monthly dues, get $5,000 life insurance policy at no extra charge (plus another $5,000 for only $1.25 more a month), free checking accounts, special auto loan terms, half prices on safe deposit boxes, discounts on helpful books, free financial consultations, budget discussions and seminars, etc.

Who's Hostile to Whom? Of special interest is the bank's admission that banking in general has in past been coldly indifferent to many young customers. In an age in which youth is often criticized for being "hostile", it is fascinating to find that shoe is on the other foot. Asked directly whether young people feel they get rather poor treatment at banks, Sievers agrees. "That's pretty much the basis of what we are doing," he says.

Never Again: City National's advertising folder candidly admits young people have been having unsatisfactory banking experiences. It sets the age for being cold-shouldered as: "If you're under 31, and look it." The bank goes on to say about such episodes: "It might just possibly have happened to you in our bank. It won't again. Ever." Central National of Chicago has had inquiries from banks all over the country about participating in the plan, as Detroit is now doing.

When the Airlines Did It: This new mood, in which youth, so often looked at askance, is being wooed by bargain offers, may sweep the country. It is as if business were waking up, somewhat belatedly, to a realization of where its major future market lies. Standout among business appeals which have succeeded with youth is the airlines' half-fare offer. Plan chops travel costs for riders under 22 willing to wait in "stand-by" line for unreserved seats. Airlines went into the scheme rather fearfully. Off the record, airline executives admit there was a defensive feeling at first, fear older passengers would be inconvenienced and annoyed by oddly-dressed, noisy, misbehaving kids. These emotions mirror our confused approach to youth.

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A Boy and a Guitar: A few boys and girls did come aboard in shorts. Some even carried guitars. Less than one percent called attention to themselves in these ways, airline officials now admit. Some adult passengers don't even mind, think kids in shorts, singing, not the ugliest sight in the world. Mostly "one doesn't even notice the youngsters," says one executive; says line has more trouble with adult drunks than with young people. An airways legend tells of a plane forced to land (the story usually says "in Atlanta", though there is no confirmation) because of roistering youth. But there is certainly no continuing problem. Lines report wonderingly that the young people seem grateful for the low-cost rides. Studies are said to show only about two percent of the kids phone in fake reservations to make sure of getting on as stand-bys. But adults, lines point out, make reservations on several carriers quite frequently, use whichever is most convenient. On balance, airlines find they can do business with youth.

THE AREA OF MISUNDERSTANDING. It is disquieting that youth should be approached with such misgivings. It is as if adult world expects hostility, is surprised when it does not find it. One theory along this line is that top American students are "hostile" to business, indifferent to business job offers. YOUTH REPORT finds evidence, on the contrary, that many college students feel that they are "turned off" by current business practices, which kill their interest.

The Simplistic Approach: A difficulty seems to be that a number of corporations approach the campus with highly simplified public relations material, which gives so pretty-pretty a picture of life in their organizations as to be unacceptable by today's sophisticated college graduate. A YOUTH REPORT researcher at Columbia University reports watching students listening apathetically to simplistic presentation from some corporate representatives, and walking out in boredom before the end.

Too Beautiful, Too Perfect: Business often sends representatives to campuses who seem to the students to be the kind of people around a company who have nothing else to do, says Michael Lawrence, president of the inter-fraternity council, Wharton (Business) School, University of Pennsylvania. Speaking at a New York meeting conducted by the intercampus magazine, "Moderator", Lawrence agreed that company literature frequently fails to give a true picture; everything in corporate printed material is just too beautiful, too perfect. Statements are made, but not backed up with facts.

Differences That Run Subtly, Run Deep: Lawrence finds also that company recruiters tend to talk to students mostly about prospective salaries, and benefits. But today's top graduate is more interested in the kind of work he is expected to do, its importance and value. To emphasize money to him is, in a sense, belittling. (A leading professor of architecture tells YOUTH REPORT that the majority of his students, who once would have been interested in designing costly private buildings, are today more concerned about such projects as city planning and slum clearance, regardless of the lower pay involved.)

The Academic Ambiance: Opposition to the business life does exist in some academic quarters. Mention was made at the "Moderator" meeting of some academic officials who prefer to give loans or scholarships to a student, rather than have him work. They favor a pure academic ambiance, without commercialism. (Some academicians criticize Princeton for encouraging student business enterprises. There are fifty undergraduate businesses at Princeton, from computer programming to sale of beer mugs and nighties carrying the Princeton insignia. One student sold $1,800 worth of such nighties last year.) But the existence of academic opposition makes it all the more necessary that business make a reasonable bid when it visits the campus. To offer the wrong arguments, to misunderstand the ambitions of the student spoken to, to fail with him, and then to complain that one has discovered "hostility" among youth, is not the most reasonable procedure.

THE MORALITY AREA. If the above material indicates that the young people of today are developing a morality of their own, differing in some respects from that of the older generation, that may be correct. YOUTH REPORT, trying to track down the "new morality", asked students on six campuses, coast to coast, whether, for example, they felt that the statement: "Money honesty is the root of a sound society," was true or false, for them. More than 59 percent called the statement "false"; only 27 percent found it "true", while the rest had no opinions.

The Place of Money: Going further into the question of money honesty, the same students were asked to react to the statement: "Hypocrisy is a greater moral offense than stealing." More than 55 percent scored this as "true", while 27 percent rated it as "false". There is a mystique among young people today about the importance of being frank and sincere, which far transcends youthful interest in technical questions of money honesty. Observers have been puzzled for some time by indifference of many young people to personal property, and lack of concern when it is misappropriated by friends -- or strangers. Perhaps this generation, as the answers indicate, considers that telling a lie is worse than purse-rifling.

They Do Have Beliefs: It is a bad mistake to feel that young people are uninterested in moral problems, or that they are unconcerned about them, or that their approach to life is shapeless. They seem to have very definite (if rather challenging) beliefs. The study asked the same young people to check, as true or false, the declaration: "Sex is a personal right, rather than a means of communion with another human being." Judging from the more sensational articles about the "sex revolution" in newspapers and magazines, the vote should have been a resounding "True!" How can people engaged in a "sex revolution" worry about "communion" with "another human being"? In actual fact, however, the vote on the statement was a resounding "False!"; 57 percent of the young people disagreed that sex was a "personal right" rather than a means of communion with another person; only 29 percent took the self-centered approach to sex. 53 percent of the boys joined 64 percent of the girls in finding higher meanings in sex than individual gratification, while only 31 percent of the boys and 26 percent of the girls felt that sex was a purely personal individual right.

Bitter Honesty of the Young: But asked to respond to: "Self indulgence is a lesser offense than pretending to be without normal desires," 49 percent found the statement "true", 35 percent found it "false", the rest not voting. By almost identical percentages, the same young people approved as "true" the sentence: "Not to hear an unspoken cry for help is a sin."

They're Not Satisfied With Kindness Alone: Resounding phrases, such as might possibly score with some older people, are turned down by the young. Put to them was the test-phrase, "Unkindness is, basically, the only immorality" -- a sentiment many older persons might not find unattractive. The young people rejected it; 60 percent labeled it "false", only 30 percent scored it as "true". The young people obviously hope, somewhere, to find real affirmations, real positives. They are not content with sentimental double negatives about not being unkind. The sentence: "I have a right to be what I am, regardless of the claims of others upon me" drew the most one-sided vote in the study, 64 percent regarding it as "true", only 29 percent checking it off as "false". To be sincere, to be "true to oneself", to be what one is, to have real relationships with others, to find positive goals in life -- these are the bases of the "new morality".

THE ADVERTISING AREA. Advertising has a far from easy job when it approaches a market marked by such beliefs as these. To tell such persons that they ought to buy a product because it is popular, and "in", raises hackles, with its implication that the youngsters are conformists, who imitate each other. Young people in the above study were asked by YOUTH REPORT whether their reaction to being told that a certain product was "in" was one of "interest and approval" or "resentment and disapproval". 53 percent said that the use of the word "in" made them feel resentful and disapproving, while 27 percent said the word aroused their interest and approval. (20 percent had no opinions.) To the statement: "People who go in for the latest things are pace-setters and admired as such in my circle," the endorsing vote was pitiable; only 2 percent of the boys and 9 percent of the girls agreed with the declaration. More than 38 percent of the young people approved this comment: "I get the feeling that clever people are trying to manipulate me by using the argument that certain things are 'in'." A new method of "advertising for individualists" is obviously going to have to be created for marketing to the oncoming generation.

THE OWN-YOUR-OWN-BUSINESS AREA. Almost forgotten, seemingly, is the once popular idea that a young man should plan to get started at an early date in his own business. Asked to rate "having a job" against "starting a business", on a scale running from "1" to "5", with "1" representing the highest approval and "5" the lowest preference, "having a job" won easily. The average score in favor of having a job was 1.76 on the 1-to-5 scale, while "starting a business" scored 2.09. Only in Los Angeles, interestingly, did both boys and girls prefer starting businesses of their own to holding down jobs. The southwest still leans toward independence.

THE INVESTMENT AND SAVINGS AREA. Unexpectedly conservative answers turned up, in the YOUTH REPORT quiz of the six-campus group, on the question of how to put one's money to work. On the same 1-to-5 scale used above (with the low, or "1" end of the scale showing the greatest preference) savings banks came out ahead of investments in stocks, bonds or insurance: the banks scored an average of 1.55, against 1.83 for stocks, 1.88 for bonds, 1.83 for insurance. On the sophisticated campus of Columbia University, stocks squeaked in ahead of savings banks by a trifle (1.76 against 1.77) but in most other parts of the country the savings account stayed out in front. Men liked stocks a little better than insurance; women liked insurance a little more than they did stocks.

BUSINESS AND THE SINGLE (TEEN-AGE) GIRL. Not all youth are lackadaisical about business. YOUTH REPORT found strong enthusiasm for the business life in an unexpected quarter -- among 35 teen-age models gathered by Ingenue Magazine to "light up the Palace Theatre" in a June fashion show. Most of the girls interviewed were 14 to 16. Because they had done some modeling, had been exposed to the discipline, excitement and rewards of business, 36 percent voted in favor of getting into the "rat race" of business as soon as they could make it; 28 percent wanted to be at the head of the parade, whatever they did in life. Only one out of six favored "coasting along" and one out of eight opted for the "suburban life". Maybe enjoyment of competition has to be learned. These young girls had learned it.

TO START A DIALOGUE: Readers have suggested that copies of YOUTH REPORT can serve a useful purpose on the home scene by, as one put it, "opening up certain subjects for discussion with one's youngsters in an easy, informal way." A number of subscribers use the letter as an ice-breaker.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Grafton

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LEO J. ZUBER
2794 NORTH DECATUR ROAD
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June 15, 1950

Dear Mr. Fleming:-

Even though it is a little tardy, I want to express to you and to the Southern Regional Council our thanks and appreciation for the fine presentations which you made before my classes this past quarter. My delinquency in not writing you sooner is no indication of any lack of appreciation for the contribution which you made.

At the initial meeting of summer school classes more than one student requested some recommended readings on the subject of the Negro and race relations. Because of the fact that summer school classes have a high percentage of school teachers, I am going to try to do as good a job on that phase of sociology as I possibly can. Some of it may rub off on those teachers and they in turn, as they deal with the younger folks in the grade and high schools, may render a very good service by planting a few ideas here and there in terms of improved race relations.

You will be amazed to know that you and Mr. Levin made an unusually deep impression on one student in the classes. On an examination given after your appearances, I asked for a brief identification of Ely Culbertson and of Clarence Streit. This student identified Culbertson as the speaker from the Southern Regional Council and Streit as the speaker from the Anti-Defamation League. So there!

Many, many thanks again for making the appearance; we all profited a great deal from it.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Zuber

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THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I recently ran across the following title which sounds as though it may be worth investigating:

> J. C. Elrod, "Types of Tenancy Areas in Georgia", U.S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, April, 1941, 43 p. (Preliminary report. Prepared in cooperation with Georgia Experiment Station of University System of Georgia.)

We happen to have no copy of this in our library ~~in our library~~, but one is being obtained. I should imagine that the item should be readily obtainable in Atlanta.

I am still quite enthusiastic over your notion of mapping land tenure regions in the South with 1950 Census data, and I hope you will keep me posted on any new developments.

Sincerely,

Wilbur Zelinsky

October 20, 1953

Mr Giles L Zimmerman, Executive Director
International House of Philadelphia
3905 Spruce Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr Zimmerman:

I am deeply grateful for all the new and many friends have done in getting Victor Kotun in and happily established at Muhlenberg. You have all been most generous of time and thought and friendship. The boy writes me that he is mighty happy where he is.

I have talked with Kendall Weisigar of the Atlanta Rotary Foundation. Kendall convinces me that he is beyond his depth on financing of African students just at this time and still hopes that the Philadelphia Club can make an exception to its rule and turn up a grant or a loan to Victor.

I checked with the Dean's office at Morehouse. They assure me that Victor's transcript was sent on to Muhlenberg September 16.

I have a letter from Victor asking me to obtain his belongings and books and get them duly sent off to him and I will attend to that.

If I had any money, I would sent it to the boy. But I haven't got any.

Appreciatively,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George Mitchell:

Frank Loescher brought to my attention the case of Victor B. Kotun and we have been doing all we can to help him.

Through Dr. Robert Gearhart, Chaplain for Lutheran students in the Philadelphia area, we were finally able to enroll him at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, with a $250 tuition scholarship and room and board provided by Dr. David Bremer, Chaplain. In addition efforts are being made to find Victor part time work and it looks as though his problems are being solved.

One of the biggest helps was a verbal promise from the Lutheran Educational Foundation to loan Victor $625 toward his tuition. His total costs at Muhlenberg will be approximately $1,100 and there is still an approximate cost of $300 to be met. However, if the full $625 does not come through since he has already received $250 toward his tuition, then he may need as much as $500. Until the $625 loan is in hand, there is also doubt in this direction.

Frank Loescher shared with me your letter telling about the Rotary Educational Foundation in Atlanta which may grant him aid. Your message also mentioned that you were referring the matter to the Philadelphia Rotary Club. As a member of that Rotary Club I know that we limit our help (not nearly in the magnitude of the Atlanta Club) to juniors, seniors and graduate students. I have checked with Frank Honicker, secretary of the Philadelphia Rotary Club, and he confirms this fact. He also told me that he has not heard from the Atlanta Rotary Foundation, even though he is very familiar with their work. Consequently, I am wondering if you would be willing to reopen this issue with the Rotary people in Atlanta to see if they would be willing to grant Victor the $300 he needs or any part thereof.

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Muhlenberg infers that if Victor completes a satisfactory academic year this year that he will be in a position to qualify for a more generous scholarship next year.

On my part, assuming he is successful, I would then be in a position to present his problem to Rotary since he would then be a junior so if you could persuade the Atlanta Club to give him this assistance, which is so sorely needed, it would be very good.

Transcript sent Sept. 16th

May I ask you to check on one other thing. The University of Pennsylvania, Gettysburg College and Muhlenberg College all requested a transcript from More House College. To date the only thing that the University of Pennsylvania has received is a letter of recommendation, which while favorable is not adequate for college administrators to be willing to accept an applicant. Would you check with the proper people to see that Victor's actual transcript has been forwarded to Muhlenberg. You can ignore the University of Pennsylvania and Gettysburg College since they are no longer of pertinent importance.

Finally, if you know of any other possible source that we could approach for a solution to this financial problem, we would be most grateful. We have followed up every possible lead that has come to our attention, but still have not found a solution.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. Zimmerman

Giles L. Zimmerman
Executive Director

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June 1, 1954

Mr. Wilbur Zelinsky
The University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Zelinsky:

I read the "Greek Revival House" with much interest — also log cabins!

Much success.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dear Zelinsky:

I read its
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much interest – also
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much success.
George W

With best wishes,
Wilbur Zelinsky

THE GREEK REVIVAL HOUSE IN GEORGIA

WILBUR ZELINSKY

PERHAPS NO OTHER development in the fine arts in the Deep South has had such far-reaching effects or attracted wider notice than the architectural movement known as the Greek Revival. It is the purpose of this brief study to sketch the characteristics of the Greek Revival building as it appeared in Georgia—a state offering a good cross-section of the Deep Southern culture area—and to explore the significance of this phenomenon as an element in the culture history and geography of the region. The data used here are drawn from the available literature[1] and from field observations made during the period 1950–52 in all sections of the state in the course of a general study of Georgia's settlement characteristics.

Unlike the preceding vogues in American architecture, which were merely automatic responses to European whims, the Greek Revival was primarily an American idea, the first great outpouring of our architectural energies; and nowhere was the product of this sudden self-discovery more inspired or its effects more profound than in the Deep South. Faint foreshadowings of the movement appeared in earlier decades, but it was with the 1830's that the Greek Revival burst into full bloom in Georgia and other Southern states. This was the era when the frontier was moving forward at breakneck speed and the cotton boom was in its first, fine fever. Some of Georgia's newly created wealth was converted into grandiose houses which still mark the course of the tide of slavery and cotton westward across the state.[2] For thirty years, until the very eve of war, the experiment in the new medium went on with unflagging vigor among the members of the upper class.

The momentum of the movement was so great that after the lapse of some twenty years of armed conflict and economic dislocation this architectural genre reappeared, even though in diluted form and in a manner designed to suit the *fin de siècle* taste of late nineteenth-century America. A considerable number of these latter-day attempts in the classic mood still line the streets of Georgia towns, and though all of them have broken sharply with ante-bellum techniques and many are frank compromises with Victorian building clichés, some of the old energy of the Greek Revival emerges in most. Indeed, the Greek Revival has never really expired in Georgia; even now there are those who revere tradition and are able and willing to essay new themes in the Greek Revival manner.

In its inner anatomy and sometimes in its outer plan the Greek Revival mansion divulges the humble course of its evolution. Almost every example has a large central hallway that is believed to have its ultimate origin in the breezeway between the two halves of a double log cabin.[3] Some plainer specimens are merely the older two-story frame house with sideward-facing gables and end chimneys to which a classical façade has been appended almost as an afterthought. The symbolic importance of the portico was such that on many a would-be Greek Revival house the pediment is nothing but a false front which is wholly grotesque when viewed from the side. The transitional zone from unadorned frame dwelling to Greek Revival mansion is filled by many an honest compromise between the two types: the portico may be the full two stories high but without properly carved pillars, or the portico may cover half or less of the front. At the opposite extreme, there are temple-like structures that are almost archaeologically precise reconstructions of ancient styles. And well they should be. Some of the better Greek Revival houses involved the services of trained architects—not the local handy man who worked on the older and humbler dwellings—as well as the importing of expensive artisans or specially commissioned work.

All of the more ornate Greek Revival mansions are nearly square in plan; only those that were closely linked with the older folk-architecture were laid off as narrower rectangles. All are set on high basements—and are thus sharply set off from the cellarless homes of the middle and lower classes—and all are, or were, painted white unless brick was used in place of wood. As a rule, the roof is unusually low in pitch and is often invisible to a person standing near the building. The porticoes cover the front and frequently the sides of the structure. These high, broad porticoes in combination with shuttered windows and high-ceilinged rooms fitted this architecture nicely to the hot, humid summers of the region.[4] The treatment of the col-

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umns was infinitely varied: some were fluted, others left smooth; square columns were occasionally adopted; some were slimmed down to vestigial ribbons; and all three of the major classical orders were used for the capitals—Doric and Ionic were the most often favored. The design of the pediment was even less inhibited by tradition, with the result that many struck a truly fresh note and were esthetically exciting.

All in all, the Georgia Greek Revival house displays great variety—from pomposity and stolid dignity to graceful improvisation and even whimsicality, from parvenu grossness to delicate romanticism, but in all cases the spirit of the builder, the place, and the era are most effectively conveyed. It is possible to see a certain community of style in each of the cities where the Greek Revival is abundantly represented; but even within single towns the versatility of expression is surprising. It is fortunate that large numbers of these buildings survive, for with them Georgia architecture reached a climax it was not able to duplicate in the century to follow and one that it may possibly never surpass. But not all ante-bellum Greek Revival mansions have received the kindly care they deserve. In Greene County

> some . . . have been abandoned entirely, mere heaps of ruins; in others, a tenant family occupies a few rooms on the first floor; in a few cases Negroes have bought the "old place", in yet fewer instances some direct descendant of the original owner lives in the spacious and sturdy building.[5]

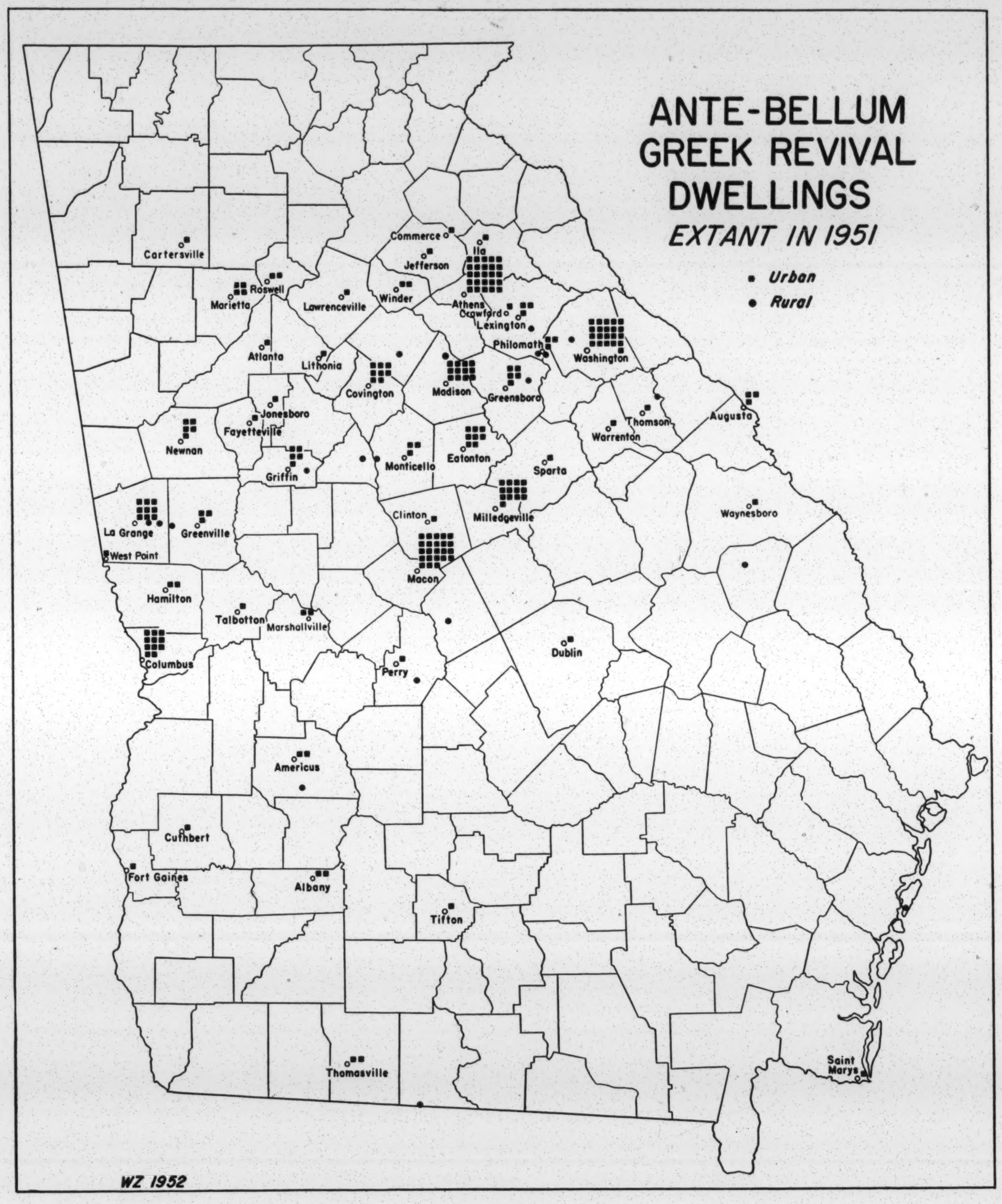
The situation is better in the towns but even there one often encounters boarded-up mansions in decay and others that are used for commercial purposes.

The Greek Revival was not limited to the great two-story mansion in which it registered its boldest achievements. In a few of the towns of Piedmont Georgia, notably in Eatonton and Madison, the classical style was attempted with charming results in the one-story cottage. Its effects can sometimes be seen in middle or even lower class dwellings. The Greek Revival also affected the development of the architecture of public buildings: many county courthouses, federal buildings, city halls, and the like fell under its influence, and although few are as advanced technically as Greek Revival dwellings, all display a genuine grandeur. In Madison, Augusta, Macon, Madison, and elsewhere churches were built quite effectively in the Greek Revival style, and the building styles of those college campuses that developed between 1830 and 1860 parallel those of the best homes of the period. There were even some builders of inns who were infected with an enthusiasm for the style. In the post-war resuscitation of the classical medium, its application has occasionally been carried to absurd lengths as, for example, the use of colonnaded fronts on garages.

It might be supposed from the popularity and general excellence of the Greek Revival house in Georgia that there might be some substance to the rather common belief that the ante-bellum South consisted almost exclusively of a number of large, quasi-feudal baronies, each surmounted by a Big House resplendent with its great white columns. A closer scrutiny of the facts, however, disallows any such conclusion. It is often overlooked that Greek Revival houses were much more abundant in the principal towns of the South than on its plantations. A special search was conducted for ante-bellum Greek Revival houses, both urban and rural, at all points visited by the author, and the literature has been combed for references to such structures. The inventory of urban examples is reasonably complete, inasmuch as all towns likely to have Greek Revival homes were scanned. The total of these existing structures comes to precisely 200. In the course of almost a thousand miles of systematic, but randomized traverses along the dirt roads of rural Georgia, exactly one mansion that could qualify as Greek Revival was encountered. Eighteen additional rural examples were met with along the principal old highways of the state (now entirely paved) where they were especially wont to occur and in the process of exploring those counties (Wilkes, Greene, and Oglethorpe) where such mansions were relatively common. Undoubtedly, a significant number of rural occurrences were missed, but even if they could be included in the reckoning, the disproportion between urban and rural examples would still be enormous.[6]

Thus the pattern of Greek Revival dwellings in the Georgia of 1860 was one of two dozen or so towns with respectable numbers of such buildings and a thin scattering of mansions in the rural parts of the older plantation belt.[7] "True, many planters lived on a large scale, but they were the exception rather than the rule, and had their residences in the city usually, leaving the management of the plantation to an overseer."[8] The bulk of the impressive mansions in Washington-Wilkes, Athens, Macon, Milledgeville, Columbus and other towns were occupied by members of the mercantile class and by absentee landlords who had important holdings in adjacent or frequently remote portions of the state.

It is interesting to speculate on the quantitative importance of the Greek Revival mansion in ante-bellum Georgia but, unfortunately, it is uncertain what percentage of the original number have survived to the present day. It is known that of the roughly 250,000 dwellings standing in Georgia in 1860 only 11,361 or about 4.5% were still in existence in 1940, but it is obvious that the survival rate for the Greek Revival mansion must be considerably higher than that for less pretentious homes. If a rough guess may be hazarded, then it might be suggested that the original number may have been somewhere between 500 and 1,000. The use of the higher figure would imply a maximum Greek Revival mansion population of around 5,000 persons, or


ANTE-BELLUM GREEK REVIVAL DWELLINGS
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Jonesboro
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Thomson
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Eatonton
Griffin
Monticello
Sparta
Milledgeville
Clinton
La Grange
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Fort Gaines
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Saint Marys
Thomasville
WZ 1952

FIG. 1. Ante-Bellum Greek Revival dwellings extant in 1951. (Author)

less than 0.5% of the total population of the state in 1860. However unreliable such statistical speculation may be, it is nonetheless certain that for all its glamorous reputation, the pillared mansion was, quantitatively, an insignificant element in the cultural landscape of the Old South.

The locational pattern of ante-bellum Greek Revival houses in Georgia is of particular interest, for it records some key facts in the state's economy and historical geography during the pre-war decades. It has been stated with considerable truth that

> Were we to make a map indicating the white-pillared houses of the ante-bellum South, we should be duplicating the economic map of the staple crops of the section in 1861. It is axiomatic that where there is wealth, architecture develops new forms rapidly.[9]

for, indeed, we find the majority of Georgia's white-pillared houses in those cities of the old plantation belt across the lower Piedmont and the Fall Zone that reached the zenith of their prosperity during the same period in which the Greek Revival was most the rage (Fig. 1). The new plantation country of southwestern Georgia was opened too soon before the Civil War to have had an opportunity to develop a pretentious architecture.[10] The same explanation may be valid for the rather wealthy sections of

"Cherokee Georgia"—the northwestern corner of the state—where the Greek Revival style never managed to gain much of a foothold. In the relatively slaveless upper Piedmont and in the hill country that was economically hostile to the plantation system, the Greek Revival movement failed to materialize at all. The raw backwoods character of interior southeast Georgia before 1860 made it a thoroughly unsuitable habitat for the style.

The coastal areas with their great wealth and large plantations present us with an interesting problem, for there the Greek Revival movement was extremely weak. A single good mansion is to be found at St. Marys, a remarkable one of aberrant design on Sapelo Island, but nothing that is genuinely Greek Revival in Savannah—the richest and most culturally advanced city in the state—and probably none at all in the countryside. A parallel situation developed in South Carolina where the Greek Revival movement was relatively weak and special in Charleston and other coastal towns but strongly developed in upstate areas.[11] The reason for this anomalous condition would seem to be the fact that in Savannah, Charleston, and other points along the coast, a handsome, highly sophisticated architecture of unique character had been established for many years and almost completely satisfied the architectural aspirations of the mansion-builders of the area. Although the Greek Revival movement made a terrific impact on the cultural near-vacuum of upper Georgia, it caused only a minor ripple in a place like Savannah that could absorb a few of its elements without altering the basic pattern of its building.[12]

The Greek Revival house, it can be concluded, was always minor in terms of the total settlement landscape of Georgia, was mainly an urban phenomenon restricted to a relatively few towns, and was almost unknown in some of the most important sections of the state. Yet its actual importance cannot be fully gauged by numbers of houses and their location, for the influence of the Greek Revival idea on most phases of formal architecture was and is considerable, its quality represents perhaps the highest material achievement of the state and its traumatic effect on the psychology of Georgians and citizens of the entire nation remains powerful.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The field work reported in this paper was made possible by grants from the Viking Fund, Inc. (now the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Inc.) and from the University of Georgia through the office of Dr. George H. Boyd, director of research.

1. The two best discussions of the Greek Revival in the South are Talbot Hamlin, *Greek Revival Architecture in America* (New York, 1944) and Howard Major, *The Domestic Architecture of the Early American Republic* (Philadelphia, 1926). A briefer treatment is given to the subject in Georgia Writers' Project, *Georgia; a Guide to its Towns and Countryside* (Athens, 1940), Harold Bush-Brown, *Outline of the Development of Early American Architecture: Georgia*, Historic American Buildings Survey (Atlanta, 1937), and "Southern Romanticism," *House and Garden*, LXXVII (1940), 16–29, 54–55. Discussions of particular localities are found in J. Robin Kennedy, Jr., "Examples of Georgia and Greek Revival Work in the Far South," *Architectural Record*, XXI (1907), 215–21 (on Savannah), Lucille B. Johnson and Amanda Watkins, *LaGrange, City of Elms and Roses; a Sketch Book* (n.p., 1935), and William C. Davis, *The Columns of Athens; Georgia's Classic City* (Athens, 1951). Medora Field Perkerson's exhaustive *White Columns in Georgia* (New York, 1952) is a *sine qua non* as the first detailed guide to Georgia's old mansions.

2. Grecian mansions sometimes appeared in frontier towns almost before the forest was cleared away, as happened in Columbus, C. F. Arfwedson, *The United States and Canada in 1832, 1833, and 1834* (London, 1834), II, 5–6.

3. James C. Bonner, "Plantation Architecture of the Lower South on the Eve of the Civil War," *Journal of Southern History*, XI (1945), 388 and J. Frazer Smith, *White Pillars: Early Life and Architecture of the Lower Mississippi Valley Country* (New York, 1941), p. 27.

4. Bonner, *op. cit.*, p. 380; Hamlin, *op. cit.*, p. 203.

5. Arthur F. Raper, *Preface to Peasantry; a Tale of Two Black Belt Counties* (Chapel Hill, 1936), p. 93.

6. This disproportion is preserved even if we allow for the fact that upkeep of houses in towns has been much better than in rural areas since the Civil War.

7. The literature on the ante-bellum architecture of Louisiana and Mississippi (see, especially, Smith, *op. cit.*) affords the reader a totally different picture: a landscape of few towns but many riverside plantations with Greek Revival dwellings. It is possible that the ease of direct communication between planter and market in the Mississippi Delta eliminated the necessity for many urban centers. Very much the same situation obtained, of course, in colonial Tidewater Virginia.

8. Ralph Flanders, *Plantation Slavery in Georgia* (Chapel Hill, 1933), p. 94.

9. Smith, *op. cit.*, p. 18.

10. Raper, *op. cit.*, p. 95.

11. Frances B. Johnston and Thomas T. Waterman report an odd reversal of this pattern in North Carolina, which in many other respects is an atypical section of the Deep South, in their *Early Architecture of North Carolina* (Chapel Hill, 1941), p. 180.

12. Kennedy suggests another factor—that Savannah was used mainly as a winter residence by planter families and that this reduced the likelihood of their building any such summer-oriented structures in the city, *op. cit.*, p. 221.

Dr. Mitchell:

In a letter to MAW - you asked him to come up either 9/20 thru 9/23, or 9/27 thru 30, re CEP

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Luncheon for Planners
September 30, 1954

Please return the
post card enclosed.

The September Luncheon for Planners is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, at 12:30 P. M., in the YMCA, Central Branch, 145 Luckie Street, N. W., Atlanta.

The September program will supply another in a series of discussions on regional planning problems of the greater Atlanta area. Mr. M. T. Thomson will discuss the "Impact of the 1954 Drought on the Atlanta Region". This discussion is particularly timely in view of the near-record seriousness of the drought and its effect on municipal water supplies.

Mr. Thomson has been District Engineer for the Geological Survey in Atlanta since 1941. The Atlanta District includes the entire State of Georgia with the exception of the northern portion which drains into the Tennessee River system. He is a Fellow of the Georgia Academy of Science, and a member of the Georgia Water Use and Conservation Committee. In addition, Mr. Thomson is author of the "Historic Role of the Rivers of Georgia."

The cost of the luncheon is $1.50, including sales tax. Please bring this notice to the attention of others who might be interested in this topic. Reservations for the luncheon should be made in advance. We would appreciate receiving your reply postal card, indicating your intention to attend or not to attend, by or before Tuesday, September 28.

Metropolitan Planning Commission
808 Glenn Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia
WA 7577

Leo J. Zuber
Assistant Director

September 15, 1954

March 30, 1956

Mr. Vinton E. Ziegler
58 Barrow Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

Shall be in New York from 1:30 P.M., Sunday, April 8, to before breakfast, Wednesday, April 11. Shall be staying at the Abbey Hotel on 51st Street.

At 3:30 on Sunday afternoon, April 8, shall be making my one good speech to a Negro fraternity group at what I take to be the Episcopal Church of the Master, West 122nd Street and Morningside Avenue. Will there be in the custody of Mr. Walter Pinkston, whose residence telephone number is TOmpkins 2-0110. Pinkston resides at 400 Convent Avenue, Apartment 56, New York 31.

Beautifully convenient for me if you and any lesser Zieglers or co-equal Zieglers would show up Sunday afternoon. It would save me a lot of explaining if you heard the speech. And we could go somewhere to talk after.

But if that is a poorly chosen time, leave word at the Abbey for some other.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell. Signed by mef in his absence.

RECEIVED MAR 30 1956

VINTON EDWARD ZIEGLER
58 BARROW STREET
NEW YORK 14, N. Y.

March 27, 1956

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

In talking with George Hunton, at some length about an idea in intergroup relations which I have been developing, he said, "You've got to talk with George Mitchell as soon as possible."

So I am writing to ask you whether by any chance you are coming to New York for a meeting any time in the near future.

During the past week I have been interviewing about twenty people of diverse backgrounds as to region, color, social outlook, religion etc. to get candid reactions as to whether I have an idea which is sound in conception and which, if it takes organizational form, is distinctive as to inclusiveness and approach.

Mr. Hunton is certain that your experience background would be invaluable both as to the method proposed and as to whether there would be duplication of effort.

I don't see my way clear to come to Atlanta at this time, so am hoping that you may be coming in this direction.

I shall be happy to receive word from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vinton E. Ziegler

Vinton E. Ziegler

VINTON EDWARD ZIEGLER
58 BARROW STREET
NEW YORK 14, N. Y.

April 3, 1956

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE, R. 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of March 30 which I received today.

I'll plan to attend the meeting at Church of the Master (which is Presbyterian) on Sunday, April 8, 3:30 PM.

No one answered the Pinkston phone so I talked with the minister, Jim Robinson, whom I knew at Union Seminary. He said that I should come to the meeting, which he'll be unable to attend. I think he is preaching out of town this Sunday.

Your coming to New York is timely from my standpoint, for things have been moving right along this past week.

I hope that by the time I see you on Sunday I can say that they are moving along fast.

Cordially yours,

Vinton E. Ziegler

Vinton E. Ziegler

Raleigh, N.C.
6-23-56

Dear George & Harold—

The past 10 days I've been following your joint & several advice*: "Go South Ole Man", & I hope to reach Atlanta late on Tues., 6/26.

Am taking liberty of having mail sent c/o you — & thank you in advance.

Am looking forward to seeing either or both of you if you're in town.

My greetings to you,
Vinton E. Ziegler

* Also Frank Loescher et al's advice.

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December 18, 1956

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Harold:

During a visit in Tampa last week, I came upon the enclosed editorial in the November 16th issue of the Tampa Tribune, a paper which, I believe, has not generally taken a moderate position.

Best regards.

Cordially

Dave
M.
David Zeff
Regional Director

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25th CJFWF

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H F –

Congratulations on one good man's following another good man.

I profited both by my talk with you in June & the month I spent poking around & learning. No trouble, even in Summer, & I reported to no one.

Would like to see you when you're in N.Y.

V.Z.

The scene of the Nativity is the work of the Indian artist, Marius Topno. The poem, "Gifts On My Altar," is taken from MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART *by FOR member Howard Thurman. Copyright 1953 by Harper & Brothers. The card is published by the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Proceeds from its sale go to support the Fellowship's work for the resolving of strife between nations, classes and races in the spirit of love and brotherhood in America and in the world.*

May 16, 1957

Dear Dave:

I just discovered that I failed to return this as you requested. My belated thanks and apologies.

Regards

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October 4, 1956

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Harold:

Attached herewith is a copy of a sermon by Reverend Clyde Gordon of The First Baptist Church of Poplarville, Miss. which I promised to send you. I am not in a hurry to have it back but I would like it returned when you are through with it.

Any other possibly helpful material which I may come across from time to time, I shall be happy to forward to you.

Kindest best regards.

Cordially

David Zeff

David Zeff
Regional Director

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25th CJFWF *Anniversary Year*
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June 14, 1957

Mr. Vinton E. Ziegler
58 Barrow Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Vinton:

I haven't forgotten our conversation. You haven't heard from me only because I have had nothing news worthy to impart.

Our own efforts to get the Council on its financial foot have gone reasonably well, and with a little bit more luck we will soon be able to see our way clear to the end of this year. Gratifying as this is, it gives us no margin for expansion or staff efforts in new directions. The Fund for the Republic recently approved a substantial additional grant to us effective October 1st, but it is to be spread over better than three years and leaves us with an unprecedentedly large sum to raise from other sources.

All and all, I can offer little encouragement as to SRC possibilities. The only staff openings I know of call for Southerners to man field projects, and there are only a couple of those.

I wish I could write more hopefully, but all I can suggest is that Frank Loescher and AFSC are good contacts to stay in touch with – and you know this already.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

RECEIVED JUN 3 1957

NYC
5-31-57

Dear Harold -

It is some weeks since I last heard from you and I am writing to ask you how the job opportunities now look from your end.

The position to which I referred in my March 20 letter "lots of money but no interest on my part" was far from my fields of interest. I'm glad that I didnt fall for the 5-figure snare but at the same time am becoming restless.

I'm still very much interested in working in the human relations field.

I shall appreciate hearing from you as to how things stand as to your own staff plans &/or any active referrals you might offer.

Cordially,
Vinton

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Av., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

VINTON E. ZIEGLER
58 BARROW STREET
NEW YORK 14, N.Y.

VINTON E. ZIEGLER
58 BARROW STREET
NEW YORK 14, N.Y.
JUN 27 1957

RECEIVED JUL 1 1957

Dear Harold,

Thank you for your letter of two weeks ago. It is good to hear from you and to know you are still thinking of me. I know you will refer anything which seems at all a possibility!

About the time you wrote I was in Savannah for a few days for my younger son's wedding to his Duke sweetheart. He married into the McIntosh & Nash families. He and Sally (McIntosh) are in Raleigh where he continues as state editor on the Raleigh Times. They both want & plan to locate in N.Y. in a few months.

Four days on the Isle of Hope was an experience for me! I'd like to talk over its meaning with you. They could not & would not even discuss intergroup relations, & were quite emotional in their refusal. I may be wrong, but it seems that they are scared. It non-plused me.

Greetings,
Vinton

October 18, 1957

Mr. Vinton E. Ziegler
58 Barrow Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Vinton:

This delay in replying to your recent welcome letter is mostly explained by my reluctance to give a wholely negative response. Unfortunately, that is what it must be. Nothing has developed within the Council that makes it possible for us to make use of your services. As you probably know, Frank Loescher has ended his relationship with the Fund for the Republic and is now doing freelance consulting with various organizations. It made a great deal of sense for us to work out an arrangement, very limited but very helpful for us, for Frank to give some of his time to interpreting the work of the Council in appropriate places. It looks as though this is going to be about all we can manage in this direction.

As to the question of reference, nothing would please me more than to be able to give you boost. You can be sure that any word I might be called on to say would be favorable, although what I could say from first-hand experience would necessarily be limited.

I do hope that the right opportunity will appear soon. Meanwhile, you have my good wishes and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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VINTON E. ZIEGLER
58 BARROW STREET
NEW YORK 14, N. Y.

RECEIVED SEP 19 1957

SEP 17 1957

Dear Harold,

With a quarter of a year gone by since we last communicated it behooves me, in the words of "The Hucksters", to keep my contacts sweet.

To be more accurate, I have two things on my mind both relating to THAT job in the intergroup relations field.

One, to let you know that I am still available, to put me in your mind afresh to the end that if you know or come to know of an opening anywhere you make a referral.

The other, to ask you whether you know enough about me so that I might profitably use you as a reference. Please be candid with me for I cannot afford to miss on this score.

That's all, there aint no more.

Except to say that I read of your good work from time to time and hope that all is going well for you. Certainly with events of the past weeks in the public mind there should be increased receptivity on the part of potential donors.

Broadus Mitchell, my neighbor, was in Europe all summer and presumably saw George. I haven't seen him since his return, if he has returned.

My personal greeting to you.

Sincerely yours,

Vinton

Vinton E. Ziegler

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Augurn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

VINTON E. ZIEGLER
58 BARROW STREET
NEW YORK 14, N. Y.

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OCT 23 1957

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your cordial letter of October 18 and for your willingness to be used as a reference if need be.

I hear from Frank Loescher fairly often as he has continued to help me in my search.

I had not realized that you were one of the groups to which he is giving some of his time. I think you are both lucky. I hold him in very high regard.

The day your letter arrived the front page of the New York Times carried John Popham's story* about your survey on Negro voting.

You may have many copies, but I enclose the one I tore out for you in case you have use for an extra one.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Vinton

Vinton E. Ziegler

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

*Very good

November 20, 1957

Mr. Leo J. Zuber
2794 North Decatur Road
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Leo:

Many thanks for the clip from The Catholic Messenger. I have heard of the paper and am flattered to find myself sounding so militant in its columns.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

LEO J. ZUBER
2794 NORTH DECATUR ROAD
DECATUR, GEORGIA

Nov. 10, 1957

Dear Harold:-

The clipping enclosed is from the November 7, 1957, issue of the weekly, The Catholic Messenger, one of the more (or most) remarkable diocesan papers ~~in~~ published in this country. Its editor is young, aggressive, and quite effectively vocal.

Very best wishes

Sincerely,

Leo

February 19, 1958

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Mr. David Ziskind
756 South Broadway
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. Ziskind:

We are most grateful for your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Enclosed is our official receipt.

Under separate cover we are sending you several pieces of material which describe the Council and its current program. If we can be of further help or supply additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - N. Y. Times Reprint
Annual Report, SRC - 1957
Congressional Record Reprint
Official receipt

RECEIVED FEB 18 1958

DAVID ZISKIND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUITE 911 C.C.CHAPMAN BUILDING
756 SOUTH BROADWAY
LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA
TRinity 5559

February 14, 1958

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my contribution in the sum of $5.00.

If you have any document explaining generally the operations of your Council, I would appreciate a copy of it.

Very truly yours,

David Ziskind

DAVID ZISKIND

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January 22, 1964

Mr. Howard Zinn
45 Chapin Road
Newton Centre 59 Massachusetts

Dear Howard:

I read the "Southern Mystique" with pleasure mixed with a slight bit of envy. The latter arose from the fact that I had on my desk at the same time the galleys of an article for the Journal of Politics which I was ponderously attempting to say some like things. But, on the other hand, I have always been pleased to have your agreement.

All the best.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mmj

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April 5, 1967

Miss Abbie Ziffren
75 Patton Avenue
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Miss Ziffren:

Please forgive me this long delay in responding to your letter of March 7th. I am happy to know that we were of some help to you and hope you will call on us again if we can be of any further assistance.

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum from Al that will bring you up-to-date on the Co-op Federation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj
Enclosure - 1.

Recd 3/10/67

(PV - about to reply?
MJ)

75 Patton Avenue
Princeton, New Jersey
March 7, 1967

Dear Mr. Anthony,

I want to thank you for your courtesy and help in launching my tour of the South. The leads that everyone on your staff gave me proved invaluable.

I'm looking forward to mulling over all the literature I collected at the S.R.C. office. I think that, instructional value aside, they'll help me relive a very enjoyable vacation.

I'm especially anxious to know how Al Ulmer's meeting with prospective participants in the co-op federation worked out. I heard that a board of directors had been named. But what do they do now? Which groups are involved? How many folks do they represent? My intentional vacation from newspapers had its drawbacks, I must confess -- did Pat Watters disseminate any information on the meeting? I would appreciate being filled in on the progress of the federation.

Again, I do appreciate the time you all were so gracious in spending with me. I know your good efforts will continue and I wish you the very best luck. And I can assure you, if anything concrete comes out of my trip that might be of interest to you in some way, I'll let you know.

Sincerely,

Abbie Ziffren

Mr. Paul Anthony, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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July 28, 1962

Dear Les:

Yes, I'd like to go back to Albany! We are planning to return to Atlanta around the 24th of August, give or take a few days. Hope you folks have had a nice summer. Jeff is in a "work camp" in North Carolina (real spiritually-uplifting work like cleaning toilet bowls at 7 A.M.), Myla is off at another camp, and Roz and I are leading a tranquil, scholarly, almost monastic life in New Haven — she working on French, I on Russian, and trying to work on a book.

Yesterday's *Times* carried a marvelous

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story by Claude Sitton on a voters registration meeting in Terrell County — it captures, as no newspaper story I have seen, that atmosphere of intimidation + near-violence which exists so often (so much more often than the violence which makes the headlines). Roz thought it was great, and last night we were in the home of some business executive who, on his own, brought up Sitton's story + said he thought it deserved the Pulitzer Prize.

Saw you quoted by Dyckman-Stokely in Sunday *Times* — seems whenever they want the final crushing word of authority on race relations they turn to the Director of the SRC.

Best regards,

Howard

Say hello to Maggie for us. We have loved her last two "Subjectively's"

July 25, 1962

Mr. Howard Zinn
c/o B. Arkhau
517 Fisher Hall
420 Canner Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Howard:

Do you want to go back to Albany when the dust settles?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mmj

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July 31, 1962

Mr. Howard Zinn
420 Canner Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Howard:

Wonderful! Give me a call when you get back in town.

Pat Watters of the Atlanta Journal, Bill Shipp of the Constitution were with Claude at the Terrell County meeting and both wrote good pieces. I think you will like also the enclosed column by Pat from last night's paper, written after he got back from about two weeks in Albany.

Best to Roz.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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Dear Les:

I wasn't going to reply to Polier, but after you, and Staige, and an attorney from New York who sent me the newsletter, all urged (or rather, suggested that I might consider) replying, I did it.

Howie

December 20, 1962

Mr. Shad Polier
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Polier:

Thank you for giving attention, in your December 6th Newsletter, to my report on Albany which the Southern Regional Council recently published. I strongly endorse your comments on segregationist federal judge Robert Elliot and regret that devoting a few scattered sentences to him in a long report makes it appear that he only gets "passing mention", despite the feeling behind those sentences. The reason I did not devote more attention to Elliott is the fact you point out so well, that President Kennedy bears the heavy responsibility of having appointed him. I feel that the tool of blame should be used productively, which means it should be directed at those whose actions are not commensurate with their words, like the President and the Department of Justice, rather than at those from whom we can expect little.

You are right when you say that the failure of the F.B.I. to act vigorously is ultimately attributable to the weakness of the Department of Justice, which has the authority to order such actions. It is unfortunate that the extensive press coverage of that section of the report criticizing the F.B.I. tended to help the public forget the real responsibility of the Department of Justice. The principle I used above with regard to Judge Elliott applies to the F.B.I. That is, it must be recognized that ~~[illegible]~~ the F.B.I. is, by tradition and philosophy and function, constitutionally unfitted to prosecute civil rights violations effectively, and needs to be replaced in that field. Without removing one iota of responsibility from the Department of Justice, we might grant that if there were a special corps of federal agents, trained and enthusiastic in the defense of civil rights, the Department might feel both a greater pressure and a greater desire to act.

I am "off base", you say, in criticizing the Department of Justice for failing to seek injunctions to protect the free speech and assembly of Albany Negroes; you claim "it is difficult to see any basis" for such injunctive action in the absence of Congressional action. On page 29 of my report I deal with this argument, pointing to the Debs Case of 1895, where the court granted injunctive relief without specific statutory authorization, saying "Every government...has a right to apply to its own courts" in matters which the constitution has put in the care of the national government. Since the judicial precedent is not powerful either way, whether the government seeks such injunctions or not depends on its own boldness, and the administration has simply been timid thus far. It is always easy to pass the buck to Congress. Two distinguished attorneys in the field of civil liberties, Jack Greenberg of the NAACP (in his book Race Relations & the Law) and William Kunstler of the American Civil Liberties Union, believe there is legal basis for such action by the Department of Justice.

Let me end by applauding your efforts, and those of your organization, in advancing the cause of democracy throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

Howard Zinn

October 2, 1963

Mr. Howard Zinn
45 Chapin Road
Newton Centre 59, Massachusetts

Dear Howard:

I was delighted to hear from you, and overwhelmed by reading your open letter about Spelman. I don't know whether you ever knew it, but Vincent Harding and I went to see Dr. Manley long ago, but got nowhere. Sam Cook was in here the other day telling me about a recent maneuver of his and showing me Dr. Manley's reply. It was interesting.

We are going to miss you badly, and that "we" means both SRC and the Dunbar family. We won't miss you quite as much, however, if you keep on writing and we keep on reading you.

Howard, "The Battle-Scarred Youngsters" is simply great. I don't know that I have quite yet reconciled myself to "hundreds of federal agents" (I am skeptical of all federal agents), but I agree with every other word of it and every emotion which has gone into it. As a matter of fact, I have had it on my desk since reading it, pondering what use, if any, we can make of it. (I suppose it will be possible to buy reprints.)

We are putting you back on our mailing list and sending you a bundle of stuff you may not have got. Write to us whenever you can.

I almost forgot, your successor, after a month's residency in Atlanta, sent us a manuscript about Atlanta's racial problems and failures. A little premature I thought, but the right spirit I guess.

Peggy and Tony join in greetings to all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mmj

Sept. Oct. 2, 1963

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Nobbie, Janet,

Please put Howard Zinn back on our mailing lists:

Howard Zinn
45 Chapin Road
Newton Centre 59, Massachusetts

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October 2, 1963

SEPARATE MAILING TO HOWARD ZINN:

NEW SOUTH: May, June, July-August, 1963
Morland pamphlet: "Token Desegregation and Beyond..."
Coles pamphlet: "Desegregation of Southern Schools..."
Henderson pamphlet: "Economic Status of Negroes..."
L-Reports: #34-A, 42-45
Civil Rights Crisis (Synopses) June, July, September, 1963

Howard Zinn
45 Chapin Road
Newton Centre 59, Mass.

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September 12, 1963

Dear Les:

Hope everything is going well with the Dunbars and with S.R.C. We have had a hectic summer and have lost touch with many friends. I had six weeks of summer session in New Jersey, and a stream of letters from all over the country to answer ("What happened at Spelman?" everyone asked). Then Roz had an operation in N.Y. to remove a cyst on her thyroid, and she's gradually recuperating. We've rented a house in Newton, just outside of Boston, and I'm going tospend this academic year writing my book on American history. The American Scholar is going to publish an essay I wrote to introduce this short book on "The Southern Mystique" which I finished last springand which is now looking for a publisher. And I guess I will start soon leisurely looking around for ateaching job for next academic year. I had a number of offers over the summer for things to start this fall, but I resisted them all thinking I'd never get another writing chance like this.

While still fighting for reinstatement through the national AAUP to establish a principle, I am reconciled I think to being out of the South for a few years at least. I wouldn't return to Spelman under the present administration even if they did an about-face, which is not likely. What I am most interested in is seeing reforms at the college; if that could come out of my departure, it might all be worth it. The statement I enclose is directed to that aim, rather than to a "defense" of myself.

Next time you come up this way to deliver the Commencement address at Harvard or launch a ship in Boston harbor or whatever, give us a call and come see us. Jeff sends regards to Tony, and Roz to Peggy and all of you. Will you keep me on SRC's mailing list with my address above ~~below~~? I miss your stuff. Regards to Stange, Maggie, etc.

Howard

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October 17, 1963

Dear Les,

Thanks for your good letter. The Zinns feel the same way.

I knew you and Vincent Harding went to see Manley and wrote to Vincent thanking him and probably that made me think I'd written to you too. I do appreciate it.

I was happy that you liked my Nation article because I can't think of anyone whose opinion I value more when it comes to writing. Maybe I will be in Atlanta soon and will drop in to see you.

All of us send warmest regards to you and the family.

Howard

45 Chapin Road
Newton Centre 59, Mass.

P. S. If ever you are up this way we'd love for you to come stay with us.

P.S. Do you have any extra copies of the documentation referred to in the footnotes for the Conclusion of the report? (The prelim. statement put by Douglas in Cong. Record. And Foster's memo to Civil Rights Division. And the comments by law professors on Javits' bill.) If so, I'd appreciate getting them.

Also, Pat Watters wrote us that he's now with SRC. Good for both of you!

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"Z"
Howard Zinn

November 7, 1963

Dear Les:

I've been going through, with tremendous interest, your Notre Dame report. It should have received much wider circulation than it did get; it is a remarkable statement, I think, and when you consider how much effort is going into the whole discussion on the Civil Rights Bill, its value is huge. In a nation as smothered with communications media as we are, it seems you have to say things a dozen times before they get through, or begin to make an impression. I think therefore, that you should try to keep this report before the public as long as you can, particularly reaching with it those people who can play crucial roles in policy-making.

Your distinction, in discussing voting, between the legislative function and the ministerial one, is so important, and no one else has made this point strongly so far as I know.

Your concept of "outlaw communities" helps so much in meeting the "federalism" argument, which I have wrestled with - and not very successfully, judging by how long the argument continues. I feel strongly that neither the American public nor the national government has made the kind of distinctions among regions in the South which needs to be made; the result is to let overall policy for the South be governed by the weakest common denominator. Anyway, your point 6 puts the issue very very well. My talk about a special force of federal agents is designed to raise the issue sharply, and while I still think it the best solution, there are others short of this, and I do think a truly vigorous use of F.B.I. and marshals would help greatly (also, it meets a number of objections directed against my proposal).

Thanks again Les. Regards to everyone.

Howard

Another P.S.:

I spoke in Amherst the other night to a Friends Comm. on Nat'l Legislation dinner, and met a very nice guy Dave Leonard who immediately asked "Do you know Leslie Dunbar?" and then launched into a long panegyric about you. I tried to contradict him but couldn't get a word in.

December 2, 1963

Mr. Howard Zinn
45 Chapin Road
Newton Centre 59, Massachusetts

Dear Howard:

Somehow it gives me a curious delight that you and Dave Leonard have met. He is a rare human being.

I sent you some days ago two of the documents you asked for. If I can ever find my copy of Bill Foster's memorandum, I'll make a copy of that for you.

Give my very best to Roz.

All the best.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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File
Zinn, Howard

August 10, 1964

Mr. Arnold Tovell, Editor
Beacon Press
25 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Tovell:

Thank you for sending me the uncorrected proofs of Howard Zinn's book on S.N.C.C. I have read it with my accustomed admiration for all Howard's work. Though much of the detail was familiar to me, his writing evokes the wonder and the nobility of the student movement at its best, and it hasn't yet departed seriously from that.

I have some quarrels with the book. Despite Howard's disclaimer on page 4, he does romanticize and even sentimentalize. And why must he confirm the bad opinion most white Southerners already have of S.N.C.C. by calling them Abolitionists, and irritate a few others of us who have read our history differently than he, and regard the label as an unjustified disparagment of the lucid and likeable human beings in S.N.C.C.? And why must he irritate right off probably the bigger half of the civil rights movement by puffing Gloria Richardson and Len Holt, even if with ambiguous adjectives?

But these are only private annoyances, which I note only because I am sending Howard a copy of this letter.

I noticed a few questionnable points of fact which, if there is time, you might want to check into.

Didn't the formation of S.C.L.C. postdate Montgomery? (29). Not all presidents did, and not all faculty didn't. (30) John Seigenthaler, then aide to Robert Kennedy, is not an attorney. (46) The compromise is described, I believe, accurately, but not with the care of an historian. (65) C.O.F.O., whatever its drafted plans, was hardly an actuality until Wiley Branton called a meeting in Clarksdale shortly after Labor Day, 1962. (79) A third principal contributor to V.E.P. (and from the start) is the Stern Family Fund; the name is Voter (singular) Education Project. (81 & 89) Supplied through (not by) the National Council of Churches. (96) Karl Fleming. (148) In the bottom paragraph, Perdew. (183) Is "diffident" the correct word? (216) The sentence is ambiguous, and certainly the Negro has been helped, and the bottom of the barrell made some better; this would be a quibble, except that this is precisely the kind of vulnerable statement which a reviewer unfriendly to the last two chapters will pounce on. (228) Did S.N.C.C. have anything to do with Memphis or Louisville? (238)

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mmj
cc: Mr. Howard Zinn

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July 14, 1964

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

Enclosed are bound galleys of SNCC: THE NEW ABOLITIONISTS by Howard Zinn which we will publish on September 30. This vivid portrait of some of our most exciting young people is extremely timely and we hope that you will want to comment on it before publication. Certainly both the author and I will be deeply grateful if you can find time to do so. Of course a bound copy will be sent to you as soon as they are available.

With best wishes,

Arnold Tovell

Arnold Tovell,
Editor

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Encl.

August 4, 1964

Dear Les —

Just a note to tell you that the report on Law Enforcement in Mississippi was excellent — beautifully researched and devastating in its logic. I suspected you did it yourself, it was so good!

I am about to begin teaching in a Freedom School here in Jackson — and to work on SNCC educational projects — as an Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation Travelling Professor, of all things —

Best to the family —

— Howard

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August 14, 1964

Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

Thanks very much for your long and interesting letter on SNCC by Howard Zinn. Unfortunately it is too late to correct the minor slips which you have noticed, but I'm sure there will be a second printing and we will do so after listening to Howard's comments on the matter. Certainly we are grateful for your interest in this book.

With best wishes,

Arnold C. Tovell

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Zinn, Howard

August 14, 1964

Mr. Howard Zinn
Tougaloo Christian College
Tougaloo, Mississippi

Dear Howard:

Leslie Dunbar was kind enough to share the uncorrected proof of your new book, "SNCC-The New Abolitionists," and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

I noticed at least three possible errors of fact which might be worthy of your checking. On page 22, you refer to Z. Alexander Looby as ".....the long Negro member of the Nashville City Council." I am of the impression that there were at least two Negro members on the council at that time. I think that Robert E. Lillard was a member at that time. On page 46, you refer to John Siegenthaler as a Justice Department attorney. I do not think that he was a lawyer, but was a journalist in charge of press relations. On page 53, you mention that ".....Charles Shuttlesworth from Birmingham....." - did you mean Fred Shuttlesworth?

The book revived exciting memories for me, as I was the attorney who headed the defense for the first two bus loads of Freedom Riders to be arrested in Jackson. I also feel a sense of personal involvement in helping to get COFO off the ground, as it was not until VEP decided to channel money through COFO and call them together for that purpose in a special meeting in Clarksdale in August, 1962, that COFO was anything more than just a plan.

With every good wish to you for success with your new book, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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June 18, 1965

Mr. Howard Zinn
45 Chapin Road
Newton Centre, Massachusetts

Dear Howard;

Many, many months ago Mr. Eugene Gervasi of Alfred A. Knopf sent me a copy of The Southern Mystique and a letter asking for comments. I have ceased making excuses. My slowness in reading last year's books was because too many got written, and too many got written by friends of mine. I keep plugging along one at a time. Now that I have finished yours, I shall finally get around to reading Mr. Dabbs's book!

Especially because of my remarks regarding The New Abolitionists, I want to say most explicitly and most carefully that I think The Southern Mystique is a very strong book and, Part One in particular, including the Introduction, is an important contribution to the literature about the South.

I have about become convinced that Claude Sitton is not only the best news reporter we have had in the South, but at least one of the worst book reviewers. What he did to your book, on top of what he did to "our" book (Ben Muse's *Ten Years of Prelude*) baffles me.

Thank you for the help you were on our pamphlet. We are disapponted that it is not yet out, but it is entirely the printer's fault. The latest promise is the middle of next week.

There are a few very small errors which I have noted on the attached sheet. I hope there will be a second edition on which you can correct them.

All best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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Enclosure - 1.

cc: Mr. Eugene Gervasi

P.20 -- Ellis Arnall is not from Augusta; his home is Newnan.

P. 39 -- "A year ago" is ambiguous.

P.53 -- The merchants in Tuskegee did not capitulate because of the boycott.

P.60 -- "exactly two years later" couldn't be correct.

P.174 -- Constance Motley was with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund; I am not sure of this, but was Clarence Jones ever with the NAACP?

P.180 -- Don't you mean M. L. King, not C. B. King?

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September 16, 1964

Dear Dr. Dunbar:

Under separate cover I have sent you a copy of Howard Zinn's THE SOUTHERN MYSTIQUE, which we will publish on October 19. Dr. Zinn, who teaches history at Boston University, was head of the History Department of Spelman College in Atlanta, and figured prominently in the city's integration movement. From his personal experiences, and from his extensive knowledge of post-Freudian social psychology, he has produced a study of that body of assumptions he calls the Southern mystique: those beliefs, assumed or real, to which segregationists traditionally appeal in defense of their views. With a care and accuracy I think you will find unique, he has exposed the irrationality of these beliefs, while at the same time suggesting the actual motives and causes for the segregationist stand.

I believe this is an importnat book, and one which--if read by the right persons--could be a most effective tool in clearing the way for wider public support of the integration movement. It disposes once and for all of the deeper and more sophisticated segregationist fallacies that have surely worked unconsciously on many elements of our society to make them hesitate in accepting integration. I urge you to read THE SOUTHERN MYSTIQUE and, if you have the time, to comment upon it to me. I'd be most grateful if you could do this, for I know that your support of this book could do a great deal in gaining for it the kind of attention it deserves.

I hope to hear from you. In the meantime, my very best wishes.

Yours faithfully,
For ALFRED A. KNOPF, Inc.,

E. M. Gervasi

Eugene Gervasi
Publicity Manager

Dr. Leslie Dunbar
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear Les –

Rummaging thru my files I came across an old Phylon article (1961) by you on sit-ins & thought it so good I should tell you so.

Howard Zinn

I like the part on Blintzes!